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COUPLE HIT BY £60k BURGLARY

BY JESSICA LABHART

"WE'RE not going to let them beat us, no way". These are the words of the girlfriend of a Cannock business owner who has had more than £60,000 worth of tools stolen.

The couple have been left heartbroken at the loss of their livelihood after burglars, believed to be carrying a weapon, broke into their firm.

Mick Arnold, aged 45, arrived at MAD Ford Engineering, to find that almost all of his tools, which he uses on a daily basis, had been stolen.

The raiders, one of whom is thought to be a woman, had also taken a vehicle trailer.

Mr Arnold's partner Sacha Frost, 37, who is pregnant and has been off work due to high blood pressure, said he had been left distraught. She said: "It's devastating, to be honest. Mick had only just got back on his feet, opening the business, because he broke his pelvis when he fell off a roof last year. Being a mechanic is all he's ever known, it's everything to him, and now this happens and it's taken away."

MAD Ford Engineering

A total of four raiders were captured on CCTV entering the business premises off Pottal Pool Road, at about 10pm on Tuesday last week.

Once they had got inside they made off with tools worth thousands of pounds including two snap tool boxes, as well as other tools and original Ford tools.

The gang also managed to cut through the wires of the CCTV recording equipment.

The remaining footage showed that the raiders immediately went to where the tools were kept, as well as into the office.

The offender believed to be a woman had a distinctive sun tattoo on her left foot. The others were wearing Nike Air and Reebok Classic trainers. All appeared to be youngsters.

The footage also shows two offenders walk up to a stationary caravan which is kept on the site, holding up a knife and a hockey stick. Thankfully, the owners say, the caravan was empty.

"Mick was staying in the caravan to keep working overnight," Ms Frost said.

"It was lucky he wasn't in there when they broke in, otherwise who knows what would have happened.

"We're not going to let them beat us, no way. His friends have already been round to offer their tools so he can carry on working. It's his life, it really is."

Anyone who has any information should contact the couple on 07957 651835 or 07824 448040 or call the police on 101, quoting incident number 148 of May 3.

EVAN'S LOVE FOR HIS SISTER IS A JOY TO SEE

Two-year-old twins Millie Bea and her brother Evan Ray with their parents Natalie and Chris Hughes

A YOUNG Rugeley girl with cerebral palsy whose legs 'don't work properly' is being guided through childhood by her healthy twin brother.

Two-year-old Millie Bea Hughes relies on a walking frame or an adult holding her up to get around. Although her illness means she can't properly play with brother Evan Ray, he has proved to be a dedicated companion – whether it's comforting her with her toy bunny when she's upset, sharing toys or fetching her shoes. Their mother, Natalie Hughes, a 34-year-old detective constable with West Midlands Police, said it is 'really sad' that her two children cannot play together.

She said: "Millie is such a character and is desperate to be able to get up and play with Evan. When you have twins you always imagine them to have a loving relationship and run off holding hands which you see with other people's twins – it's really sad that they can't do that."

Despite not being unable to run around together the pair share an incredibly close bond and little Evan, who is 13 minutes younger than Millie, always looks out for his sister.

Mrs Hughes added: "They love each other very much and he'll ask 'Are you OK, Millie?' and try and help her up."

Mrs Hughes and her husband Chris Hughes, 34, a power station engineer, are now trying to raise £40,000 so that Millie can have a non NHS-funded operation called Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR).

The GoFundMe page, written as though Millie is talking, reads: "SDR means having an operation to make my legs work properly."

To donate go to campaign.justgiving.com/charity/just4children/milliebeaswalkingwish

CRIME

Night-time thieves target motorbikes

TWO motorbikes and a moped have been stolen in Hednesford, making it five vehicles to be targeted in the town in 24 hours.

Overnight on Friday a Lexmoto moped was taken from Heath Street, while a black and green Yamaha and a black BMW were stolen from Littleworth Road.

It comes after two cars were broken into in Hednesford within two roads of each other during a similar time-frame the previous night, although they were not driven off. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the police on 101 quoting incident numbers 185 or 267 of 7th May.

ELECTIONS

Labour hold on . . . but only just

IT was a dramatic night at the polls as Labour held onto control of Cannock Chase Council by three votes.

Going into the elections on Thursday, Labour held 22 of the 40 seats but on the night, Green Party candidate Paul Woodhead snatched Hednesford South from Labour, meaning their overall majority was cut to 21.

It later emerged that Councillor Alan Dudson had held onto his Brereton and Ravenhill seat by three votes.

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ARTS

Tolkien exhibition unveiled at library

STAFFORDSHIRE'S JRR Tolkien exhibition has been unveiled at Cannock Library.

The exhibition, which celebrates the life of the Lord of the Rings author, has been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Highlights include rare photographs and original sketches of domestic scenes and landscapes by Tolkien which have not been seen in Staffordshire since they left with the author in 1918 and have been specially loaned by The Tolkien Estate and Bodleian Library.

The exhibition can be visited during normal opening hours until June 1. It then moves to Rugeley Library until July 2.

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Company facing financial meltdown

Tudor House in Hednesford

CARE homes group Four Seasons, which looks after scores of people in Staffordshire and the Black Country, is running out of cash and risks falling into the hands of its creditors this year, a credit ratings agency has warned.

The warning comes after Four Seasons Health Care Group reported a 39 per cent fall in annual earnings to £38.7 million, and the debt-laden company's private equity owner admitted that it did not have enough money to meet its long-term needs.

Its operating losses soared to £263.6m, largely due to wiping £224m off the value of its 450 homes nationwide. Tim Snow, senior analyst at credit ratings agency Moody's, has now branded the company's financial structure 'unsustainable'.

The group, which houses 20,000 elderly residents and employs around 30,000 people, has been stung by a cut in local authority fees and rising costs, and faces a further hit with the introduction of the Living Wage which was announced by the Chancellor last year.

Its estate includes Hornegarth House Care Home, Walsall Road, Great Wyrley; Tudor House Care Home, Littleworth Road, Hednesford; and Windsor House Care Home, Littleworth Road, Hednesford. It is also saddled with £525m of debt and faces interest payments of more than £50m a year. But last month, Four Seasons said it had enough medium-term finance for its needs, with £55m in cash at the end of last year.

Councillor Alan White, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for health, care and wellbeing, said: "If a care home closes suddenly we have an obligation as the local authority to support its residents to find a new and appropriate home."

Care home ordered to improve over safety

A CARE home in Hednesford has been told to improve after concerns were raised over the safety of its residents.

Kingsley Cottage in Uxbridge Street has been rated as 'requires improvement' by Care Quality Commission inspectors after a recent visit to the home.

Inspectors found that the service, which cares for 17 people, some of whom have dementia, needs to improve its safety, effectiveness and its leadership. But inspectors did praise their responsiveness and level of caring, with both being rated as 'good'.

A CQC report says the service 'was not consistently safe' because 'the registered manager did not understand the requirement to report potential safeguarding concerns to the local authority safeguarding team and to CQC'. The report added: "Staff recognised their responsibility to keep people safe from the risk of abuse. Improvements were needed to ensure the home's environment was safe for people.

"People received their medicines as prescribed but improvements were needed to ensure that medicines were stored, recorded and managed safely.

Decisions

"Risks associated with people's care were assessed and managed. There were sufficient staff, and the provider followed recruitment procedures to ensure the staff were suitable to work with people."

Inspectors also highlighted concerns that the home 'was not consistently effective'. They said: "The registered manager and staff did not follow the legal requirements to ensure the rights of people who were unable to make decisions about their care were protected."

But the report also praised the home. On the care being provided, it reads: "Staff treated people with kindness and respected their privacy and dignity. People were able to make decisions about their daily routine and staff encouraged them to remain as independent as possible. People were supported to maintain important relationships with family and friends who felt involved and were kept informed of any changes."

Bosses at Kingsley Cottage said they disputed some of the findings in the report and were in discussion with the CQC about having the report amended.

Staff have a mud old time for charity

The GID Squad, dressed in tutus and all things pink, before tackling the course . . .

. . . and looking slightly the worse for wear but delighted at raising funds for Cancer Research UK

A CANNOCK law firm sponsored employees, friends and family in Pretty Muddy at Weston Park.

The event was organised by Cancer Research UK and saw hundreds of women tackling a five or 10km obstacle course in the grounds of the stately home.

Staff from Gardner Iliff & Dowding Solicitors formed The GID Squad made up of lawyers and support staff. They were Maxine Davies, Michelle Belcher, Linda Hamlet, Linda Kerr, Carol Browne, Jackie Lee, Gemma Irving and Arti Dhall, together with Geraldine Burke, Liz Tighe, Raegan Belcher, Ella Jupp and Christine Parker.

The GID Squad were dressed in tutus and all things pink but by the time they had completed the 5k obstacle course with muddy slides, mud pools, cargo nets, tunnels and a few mud fights they were well and truly covered in mud.

"A very muddy time was had by all, and most importantly £2,257.54 was raised for Cancer Research UK," a spokesman for Gardner Iliff & Dowding Solicitors said.

New deputy boss takes up role at fire service

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service has appointed its new deputy chief fire officer.

Rob Barber, the current director of response, will take on the role after Becci Bryant was promoted to the role of Chief Fire Officer and chief executive. Mr Barber has been with Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service since starting as a firefighter in 1997 and has worked his way up through the organisation.

Rob Barber

Fire Authority chairman Councillor Mark Deaville said: "I am very pleased to announce that Mr Barber will take up the position of deputy chief fire officer/deputy chief executive.

"We are confident that Rob is the right officer to work alongside Becci Bryant and to continue to improve the safety of our communities through the provision and future development of a first-class fire and rescue service. I wish Rob every success in his new and exciting position within our organisation."

Ms Bryant said: "It gives me great pleasure to welcome Rob into the role.

"I look forward to working with him and to building on my predecessor's past successes to ensure that Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service continue to give an outstanding quality of service to the people who live and work in the county."

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Saddlers legends in charity match

A TEAM of Walsall FC legends took to the field in a charity match to raise more than £1,000 in memory of tragic two year-old Margot Martini.

They took on Wednesbury Athletic, who organised the fundraiser, in front of more than 300 people on Saturday at Chasetown FC. Margot passed away in 2014 after being diagnosed with a rare form of cancer but not before her parents, Yaser and Vicki, originally from Essington, launched a campaign to find a bone marrow donor.

Walsall Football Supporters Trust helped rally some true Saddlers legends to take part including goalkeeper Jimmy Walker. After the match, Yaser said: "Thank you so much to Chasetown FC."

He expressed special gratitude for organisers Sarah Tranter and Gav Ingles.

Market set to take part in campaign

PENKRIDGE Market will be participating in the national 2016 Love Your Local Market campaign from May 17 to 31.

The initiative, prompted by shopping guru Mary Portas, who at first suggested a national markets day, has developed over the years into a full fortnight.

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Plans show refurbished shopping centre bid

PLANS have been submitted to expand and refurbish the City Arcade shopping centre in Lichfield.

The plans would see new shopfronts introduced, along with improvements to the buildings' upper floors. It is hoped that if the plans are given the go-ahead, shoppers and investors would be attracted to the area in the immediate and long-term future.

Developers say they are hoping to replace the 1960s-style frontage that currently greets shoppers with a more modern style.

A statement from the developers said: "The proposal represents a genuine opportunity for an investment into a building and area clearly recognised by all as in need of a facelift.

"The completed scheme would also see greater variety of retail outlets and would draw visitors further up both streets.

"At present, City Arcade is not only a building of little architectural merit, but it is also a poor location for retailers due to the unappealing mall, concourse, facade and lack of investment.

"This proposal would drastically change that, providing a high quality and modern town centre shopping mall that is so desirable in the UK currently.

"The economic benefits from this proposal would be significant.

"Local suppliers and workers will benefit initially but the increased footfall and interest generated by the completed scheme will benefit existing retailers and is likely in turn to generate further investment."

Family history classes to start

FAMILY history classes are about to start in Burntwood and Lichfield.

The organiser, Pam Woodburn, said: "Unfortunately I was obliged to postpone a recent course of lessons owing to my husband's ill health and I believe there are people waiting to hear when they will be starting again.

"My Beginners lessons – a six-week course – will take place on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12 noon at Burntwood Library and also from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesdays at Lichfield Library.

"Anyone who is interested in attending, or just finding out more information about the lessons, should contact me on 01543 684208 or email pam.woodburn@talktalk.net and I will get in touch."

Man injured by escaped buffalo

A MAN suffered injuries to his leg when he was knocked over by an escaped water buffalo near Stafford.

Police were called to Seighford at 1.20pm on Monday. The animal was reported as 'contained' at 3.30pm.

Forces target firms for reservist recruits

Colonel Stephen Cartwright

RECRUITMENT for Armed Forces reservists in the West Midlands has been stepped up with defence chiefs targeting businesses.

Currently there are 3,100 regular service personnel based in the West Midlands and 1,700 reservists.

Nationally there are 26,290 reservists but the Government has set a target of recruiting 34,900 by 2019.

Dozens of business leaders attended an information event in Cannock headed by Colonel Stephen Cartwright from the Army's General Staff. He said: "We believe there are huge benefits to employers in having staff members who are part of the Reserves.

"These range from leadership and command to the cultural mindset and the great role models that reservists are. It is not just the Armed Forces that benefit, the individuals do and so do their employers."

The new reserves are not expected to be deployed on the front lines in any regular fashion. And there is a major emphasis on recruiting 'cyber' and 'tech' specialists.

The ranks of Britain's full-time fighting force were severely reduced as part of the Ministry of Defence's 2010 cost-cutting measures, but a commitment was made to significantly increase the size – and operational scope – of part-time soldiers.

The 'Army 2020' plans for land forces had a goal of recruiting 30,000 reservists to stand alongside a regular force of 82,000.

Reservists generally commit to one or two evenings a month plus a 15-day annual training camp.

For more details call 01952 673677 or go to www.army.mod.uk/reserve

Debts to council now top £5 million mark

MORE than £5 million in debts is owed to Staffordshire County Council from organisations, including the Police and Crime Commissioner's office.

The council is owed a total of £5.3m, with Clinical Commissioning groups (CCGs) across Staffordshire owing £2.2m, £300,000 owed from the Police and Crime Commissioner's office and £500,000 owed by Persimmon Homes.

All of these debts are older than six months and sit alongside £100,000 debts racked up by South Staffordshire College and the County Staff Club. The council aims to keep the amount of money it is owed down to around £2.25m. The council confirmed that none of the debts were classified as 'bad debts' and that they intended to get the money.

Ian Parry, deputy leader of Staffordshire County Council, said: "The report simply lists money that has been outstanding for at least six months, as part of our policy of openness and accountability. A lot of it relates to combined public sector projects that are usually complex and often take time to conclude."

Valuation

The £300,000 debt racked up by Staffordshire PCC Matthew Ellis has been played down by both Mr Ellis and the council, with the outstanding money relating to the Staffordshire Youth Offending Service's drug and alcohol programme which is run by the council but receives donations from various services across the county, including the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Councillor Parry said: "There's no dispute about the money and I expect it will be transferred in the near future."

Mr Ellis said: "I want a valuation for what the money has been spent on. The county council haven't done their valuation yet but when they do and I can see the money has been spent as agreed, then the cheque will be in the post."

The £500,000 debt listed for Persimmon Homes is currently being dealt with by the council's legal team, according to a cabinet report from April. But Stephen Cleveley, sales director at Persimmon Homes West Midlands, said: "We will of course work with the council to resolve all outstanding issues."

Bosses at the County Staff Club, which is listed as owing £100,000 to the council declined to comment. South Staffordshire College was not available for comment.

Reflecting on success – Nicholas McCarthy is at the forefront of British music talent and champions accessibility to music for all

Pianist key to cathedral appeal

A ONE-HANDED pianist star will perform at Lichfield Cathedral on May 31 to help raise funds for the Chapter House Appeal.

Nicholas McCarthy, who was born with one hand, is at the forefront of British music talent and champions accessibility to music for all.

He made headlines around the world in 2012 when he became the only one-handed pianist to graduate from the Royal College of Music in its 130-year history.

During his UK tour, Nicholas will play pieces from his top 10 classical charting album 'Solo' and share his motto that 'anything is possible'.

The tour is a celebration of determination and three centuries of music played by his left hand alone. It will feature composers as diverse as Liszt, Chopin/Godowsky, Bach, Scriabin, Gershwin, Blumenfeld and others.

The cathedral is urgently trying to raise £2 million to reverse serious water penetration and weathering damage to the Chapter House.

To find out more about the cathedral's events, visit www.lichfield-cathedral.org

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ram-raid theft from business

RAM-RAIDERS smashed through the front of a business in Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes, in a gold Peugeot before speeding off with goods.

The incident happened just after 9pm on Tuesday, May 3.

A witness saw two men in the vehicle as it hit the front glass doors before one of the thieves began to load items into the boot. Both culprits were white and wearing dark clothes and hoods.

The suspects sped off towards Five Ways Island. Police have not disclosed what was taken. Anyone with information should call police on 101.

Man seen fleeing garage with tools

A BOX of tools was stolen after a thief entered a garage in Norton Canes.

The incident happened at a home in Norton East Road at 5.45am on Thursday when a witness saw a man run from the garage. The suspect drove off in an orange Vauxhall Corsa.

Ash Connor, Staffordshire neighbourhood watch officer, said: "A witness saw a male, described as tall, thin and aged in his 30s, leaving the property. Anyone who can offer any further information is asked to contact the police on 101 quoting incident number 118 of 5th May."

Homes scheme sent to council

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

1 Hood Lane, Armitage – erection of three two-bedroom dwellings and associated works.

Bramley House, 5 Orchard Court, Rake End, Hill Ridware – installation of new windows to front elevation.

Bristol Street Motors, Eastern Avenue, Lichfield – erection of building to form wash and valet bays

Comments about the applications must be received by May 24.

Lesiure centres to put on half-term activities

LICHFIELD District Council is inviting children and young people to have a half-term of fun from Tuesday, May 31 to Sunday, June 5.

Activities range from swimming lessons and football coaching at Burntwood Leisure Centre to a boot camp and learning to be a rookie lifeguard at Friary Grange Leisure Centre.

Many of the sport courses offer early bird discounts, if booked by May 15.

For the full programme visit www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/holidayfun

Church mini-market

GREAT Wyrley Wesley Methodist Church, in Walsall Road, is holding a mini-market on Saturday from 10.30am to midday. The church's annual plant sale will be held on the three following Saturdays – May 21 and 28, and June 4 – from 8am until 2pm. Admission is free for all events.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

AFTER a recent item on global warming, a former teacher (they never give up, do they?) says I should learn the difference between climate and weather. Please, sir, I know it already, sir. Climate is what you expect, weather is what you get.

IS it over? Is it safe to come out? Can we switch on the telly or radio without being bombarded with Leicester City overkill? When this once-restrained nation of ours reaches the stage when the Daily Telegraph announces: "Leicester: the centre of the universe" and "Conquerors of the world" you know things have gone too far and the game has made a quantum leap from football to hyperball.

ONE of the most irritating things about being a football fan is those fair-weather fans who turn up with flags, rattles and scarves when things are going well and are never to be seen in the hard times. I recall a TV interview with a fan from some Northern club which had just emerged from obscurity into the dizzying heights of mediocrity. The point he was making was that he had never, ever missed a match. "I'm a die-hard, I am," he exclaimed and suddenly burst into tears, overwhelmed by his own dedication. The Good Lord, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, made me entirely without the football gene, for which I am truly thankful.

IN the wake of the Ken Livingstone affair, pundits have been queuing up to explain the difference between anti-zionism and anti-semitism. The first is hatred of Israeli government policy, and is okay. The second is hatred of Jews, which is clearly not okay. It gets complicated when anti-semitic people try to pretend they are merely anti-zionist. Two simple questions usually sort it out: Do you believe the state of Israel has a right to exist? If not, can you explain how you can contemplate something so hateful as the destruction of the Jewish homeland, without hating Jews?

I HAVE a friend whose most vivid memory of the 1962 Cuban crisis was of a 10-year-old classmate coming to school in tears because "Daddy says we'll all be dead by tonight." What sort of adult says such a terrible thing in front of an impressionable child? Probably the same sort of adult who claims their kids are scared and stressed out by school SATS tests. Adults have infinite power to plant ideas in the minds of trustful children. Tell your kids the school tests are a breeze and a bit of a game and they'll look forward to them. Imprint your own prejudices on them and the kids will be worried to death.

WE may never agree on whether to stay in the EU or leave. But can we at least agree to quit the Eurovision Song Contest?

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Ellis re-elected as Staffordshire's PCC

MATTHEW Ellis has been re-elected as Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner after he edged a tight battle with George Adamson.

With none of the five candidates winning 50 per cent plus one vote needed to win outright in the first round, the counting went to a second round. Tory Mr Ellis and Labour's Mr Adamson went through to the final round after the other three candidates – Harold Gregory, Paul Woodhead and Natalie Devaney – were eliminated.

It meant that the second preference votes on their ballot papers were redistributed among the two remaining candidates.

Mr Ellis polled 54,753 votes in the first round to Mr Adamson's 46,383 but the leader of Cannock Chase Council could not make up the gap of 8,370. Mr Ellis polled exactly 75,000 votes after the second round of voting compared with Mr Adamson's 66,515.

Mr Ellis said: "It was a little bit of suspense at the end, but I am delighted to win, and now it is important to continue the good work that we have been doing and finish the job that I have started."

The turnout was 21.57 per cent, although in Stoke 15 per cent of the electorate voted.

The poor showing in Stoke is said to have been a major contributory factor to Mr Adamson's loss.

He needed to win big there to have any chance of ousting Mr Ellis whose backing in the 'Tory shires' and the key town of Stafford carried him through. Sue Arnold will continue as Mr Ellis's deputy.

Labour group holds on – by three votes

By Jack Averty

LABOUR held onto control of Cannock Chase Council by three votes after a dramatic night at the polls.

Going into the local elections, Labour held 22 of the 40 seats.

But on the night, Green Party candidate Paul Woodhead snatched Hednesford South from Labour, meaning their overall majority had been cut to 21.

Then later in the night it emerged that Councillor Alan Dudson had held onto his Brereton and Ravenhill seat by three votes. Had he lost his battle with the Liberal Democrat Paul Fisher, then Labour would have lost overall control of the council.

Despite the close shave, council leader Councillor George Adamson insisted it was a good night for his Labour group. He said he was 'very proud' that Cannock remained the only Labour-run council in Staffordshire and praised the 'hard work' of his party.

Faith

He said: "We are very pleased. The Tories were very confident that they would take more seats but, in the end, all they did was gain one from UKIP.

"I am sad to lose Brian (Gamble, Hednesford South) but it was a good night. We all work particularly hard, and the people of Cannock have shown their faith in us."

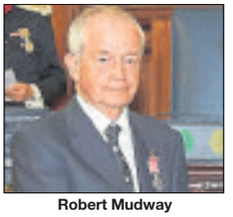
Councillor Dudson was in a buoyant mood after scraping through. He originally had a majority of two, but after a requested recount he ended up with a majority of three.

He quipped 'You only need one!' before adding: "I did scrape though. I was only in front by two when Paul (Fisher, Lib Dem) asked for a recount. Then after that I came away with three – an increase of 50 per cent!"

New Green Party councillor Paul Woodhead said it was a 'fantastic night' after he won the Hednesford South seat. He said: "You put the hard work in but you do not know if it has paid off until the votes are counted. It was a fantastic night."

Fab four presented with BEM award

Veronica Box with the Lord-Lieutenant, Ian Dudson, who presented the medals



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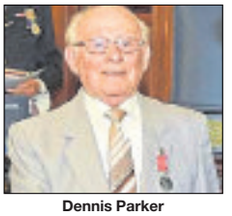

Dennis Parker

FOUR Staffordshire residents have been presented with their British Empire Medal for invaluable contributions to the local community.

The recipients, who were announced in the Queen's New Year's Honours this year, attended a ceremony at County Buildings in Stafford on Thursday.

Medals were presented by the Lord-Lieutenant, Mr Ian Dudson, on behalf of the Queen, watched by their family and friends.

Veronica Box was awarded her BEM for services to the community of Burntwood; Robert Mudway for services to the Brocton community; Sajid Rashid, for his services to the community and fundraising in Burton upon Trent, and Dennis Parker, for services to the community in Uttoxeter and Denstone.

Mrs Box said: "I wish to share this honour with Burntwood WI who have supported me during fifty years of fundraising. The warmth and size of congratulations received from so many friends has been unforgettable."

Mr Rashid said: "It feels rewarding, being honoured at the highest level by Her Majesty the Queen. An honour that I will cherish for the rest of my life, an intention to help and benefit the local communities of the United Kingdom.

Further details on the BEM awards are available at www.gov.uk/honours/overview

RSPCA plea after pet cat is shot in the face

A CAT shot in the face and left with serious injuries is 'lucky to be alive'.

The six-year-old male black cat, named Tom, was found with the injuries by his owner near his home in Broadbent Close, Lichfield.

He was taken straight to a vets, where it was found that a bullet – thought to be from a shotgun – had gone through his nostril, mouth and his neck, resulting in serious injuries to his face, teeth and tongue.

Tom – injuries

Tom's owner Amanda Dukes said: "Tom is just so lucky to be alive. It's just so shocking – I can't believe someone would do this to him. He is well-known and liked in the area. It was such a shock when I found him on my doorstep with these injuries. I did not realise at first that he had been shot – I thought he had been hit by a car.

"It's thrown me off my feet because this happening to Tom has made me feel like I've lost an arm because we are so close and he follows me everywhere. I feel so helpless that I can't help him more."

Fragments of a bullet removed from Tom during surgery will be analysed by police, but it is thought that they came from a shotgun.

RSPCA inspector Kate Levesley said: "I am urging anyone who has any information about who did this to contact us in complete confidence on 0300 123 8018."

Campaign focus on fire service

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service has launched a myth-busting campaign which aims to challenge people's perceptions of what it does.

Getting to Know Us Inside Out introduces the public to the roles, partnerships, accomplishments and innovations that contribute to a modern fire service. It reveals the procedures utilised, and decisions made, by the service as it endeavours to achieve its vision of making Staffordshire 'the safest place to be'.

The campaign runs throughout May with four main themes – Behind the Badge, Helping Hands, Our Achievements and Into the Future. Prevent and Protect director Glynn Lyznyj said: "Fire services countrywide have undergone a transformation in the way in which they work."

Tool thefts from three vehicles in one night

TOOLS were stolen from three vehicles in Norton Canes in one night.

A car was broken into in Red Lion Lane between Friday night and the following morning, while two more were targeted in Church Road two streets away during the same period.

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Kinks men can cut it without frontman

Kast Off Kinks, Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock

SOMETIMES it's hard to imagine how a band can perform without the legendary frontman who has helped to make their name.

So it would be interesting to see how The Kinks would sound minus Ray Davies. The answer was very well, as it happens. Four quality musicians, with decent harmonies.

This was no tribute act, with all four members, including original drummer Mick Avory, having performed with the group at some stage.

It did, however, remind the audience of Davies's songwriting genius.

Dave Clark took on lead vocals, and, while unable to replicate Davies, kept the big hits coming, beginning with Where Have All The Good Times Gone? There were plenty here.

Keyboardist Ian Gibbon took the lead for a number of tracks, including Days, Autumn Almanack and the aptly named Apeman, while Avory took time off drums for a rendition of Dedicated Follower of Fashion.

Fourth member John Dalton ended proceedings with Louie Louie.

Real gems were featured, including Better Things and, thanks to a request from the audience, Celluloid Heroes. Clark told the crowd they once missed off Waterloo Sunset. No such mistake this time, although one of my favourites was omitted. Even now my other half tells me: Stop Your Sobbin'. Hopefully next time, there will be more there to appreciate them.

Mark Shipp

Centre's contest for Father's Day

CANNOCK Shopping Centre is running a special Father's Day competition for its Facebook fans.

Entrants will be in with a chance of winning a selection of prizes including men's toiletries, chocolates and a 'bottle of dad's favourite tipple'. From June 10, shoppers will need to 'like' Cannock's Facebook page and comment 'Top Dad' beneath the pinned competition post in order to enter.

The deadline for entries is midnight on Monday, June 13 and the winner will be picked at random. The winner must be able to attend a photo call and collect their prize from Cannock Shopping Centre that week.

Centre manager Natal Chapman said: "We really wanted to celebrate the dads of Cannock this year."

Health trust to attend city event

STAFFORDSHIRE & Stoke on Trent Partnership NHS Trust is to target Birmingham-based professionals at a health sector Expo on Saturday.

The event will be held at the Council House in Birmingham city centre.

Owner clears up pub 'sale' confusion

The Yorkshireman pub

A POPULAR Rugeley pub is NOT up for sale – despite being listed on two websites with an asking price of almost half a million pounds.

The Yorkshireman pub on Colton Road was placed on the market for £449,000 back in 2014 with property agent GA Select listing it on their website.

After the owners decided not to sell around six months ago, it was taken down.

But then it was listed as being back up for sale over the last week due to 'a misunderstanding'. According to owner John Ashmore, the agent believed that a call he made to get the pub taken down meant that it should only be done so temporarily.

Mr Ashmore said: "It is a bit of a silly misunderstanding.

"We put the pub up for sale a few years ago, and after it didn't sell, we decided to stay put.

"This was about six months ago, so I called the agent and asked for him to take it down.

"I didn't know it had been put back up until people started calling me asking if we were really looking to sell again," Mr Ashmore added. "Apparently, the agent thought my call was just for him to take it down temporarily and he has decided to put it back up again because I didn't write a formal letter."

The Yorkshireman, originally called the Railway Tavern due to its close proximity to Rugeley Trent Valley station, has more than 700 likes on Facebook.

On popular travel site TripAdvisor it is rated as the seventh best restaurant in Rugeley out of 57, with a rating of four and a half out of five.

Sound system seized from noisy neighbour

ELECTRICAL equipment including stereos and a games console were removed from a property in Cannock after complaints of 'excessive' noise.

It came after a warrant was executed to seize noise-making equipment from the address in Cannock Wood Street.

The Cannock Council property resident had failed to heed warnings from housing officers to reduce the volume. Following further investigations, council officers and Staffordshire Police were satisfied that the noise was 'excessive' and a Noise Abatement Notice was served on the resident in March.

Further incidents of noise nuisance, both during the day and night, were reported by residents after the notice was served.

Investigations confirmed that noise levels continued to give rise to a statutory nuisance, as officers were repeatedly called out to the address.

Officers successfully obtained a warrant from Cannock Magistrates Court to enter the property and seized equipment including two TVs, two stereo systems, two DVD players, a Sky box, a PlayStation and two loudspeakers.

Behave

The equipment will be held by the council for a minimum of 28 days and may be destroyed if the offender is convicted of causing a nuisance.

Steve Shilvock, head of Environmental Health said: "Most people show consideration to their neighbours with regard to any noise they make. However, there are some individuals who don't show such consideration, and the council and its partners will try and persuade these people to behave more responsibly.

"If they don't, the council has a range of legal powers at its disposal including, obtaining a magistrates court warrant, to seize whatever equipment is making the noise. Cannock Chase Council will always take appropriate action to deal with noise nuisance.

"This case was highlighted at the Community Safety Hub, a multi-agency group which convenes every week to address short-term crime and disorder issues in the district, using partner agency expertise and resources.

"The council would encourage residents to consider their neighbours when listening to music or engaging in other activities that may impact on them, as failure to do so may result in formal enforcement action by officers."

Charity appeal is by the book

Volunteers Sue Robinson, left, and Jill Evans, right, with Newlife national volunteer manager Kevin Lowe

VOLUNTEERS at a charity in Cannock are hoping more people will take a leaf out of their book and donate unwanted literature lying around at home.

The initiative by Newlife aims to help disabled and terminally ill children get the vital equipment they urgently need.

Volunteers Angela Pearce, Jill Evans and Sue Robinson donate a couple of hours of their time each week to sort thousands of donated books which, in the past 12 months, have raised £5,000.

All profits from the successful chain of Newlife stores are donated to Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children, the largest charity provider of specialist equipment for children with disabilities and terminal illness in the UK.

Not only do donors know the money raised from the book sales is going to a good cause, but Newlife gives a 50p voucher – to be spent in any of its stores – for each suitable book donated.

Volunteer Sue Robinson said: "It is a win-win situation. People get a chance to de-clutter their homes and help families in need at the same time. And the 50 pence vouchers are a good incentive, too.

"If anyone else has unwanted books and would like to drop them off in any of the three Newlife stores, we would love to see you."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Factory subject of group's talk

THE subject for Bridgtown and District Local History Society's next talk is 'Memories of Cornelius Whitehouse & Sons'.

The company closed in 1964 but the works have only recently been demolished. Vic Hargreaves, John Harris, and Jim Wise will be presenting their memories of working in the factory as young men. Non-members are welcome to attend, particularly those who have memories to share.

The meeting is on Wednesday at the Bethel Chapel in Union Street starting at 10am. Admission is £1.

Challenges in aid of cancer sufferers

A COFFEE and challenge day is to be held in Great Wyrley in aid of cancer sufferers on May 20.

Cheeky Monkeys Chippy will host the event which will involve a series of fun games as well as a raffle.

Sabrina Ludhera, owner of the chip shop in Wardles Lane, said: "Recently, I have had a close friend diagnosed with womb cancer, and a customer who got diagnosed with breast cancer and started treatment to be then told she also has a brain tumour."

Activities start from 10.30am and will be running until late.

Tickets available for County Show

TICKETS for the 2016 Staffordshire County Show have gone on sale in Stafford town centre.

They are available at the visitor information centre in the Gatehouse Theatre, in Eastgate Street.

The show is taking place at the County Showground, between Stafford and Weston, on June 1 and 2.

Attractions will include performances in the Grand Ring by the Imps Motorcycle Display Team and the Mounted Games Association.

Wildlife centre hosts watercolours course

A SIX-WEEK hands-on watercolours course is taking place in Staffordshire.

The lessons are being held at the Wolseley Wildlife Centre on Thursdays from 7pm to 9pm. Sessions are led by tutor Sue Chatterton with demonstrations and 'lots of time to paint'. Each student is encouraged to progress from their own level.

Anyone wishing to attend can contact Wolseley Bridge on 01889 880100 or phone Sue Chatterton on 077141 00921 for more information.

Dales destination

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is an eight-mile moderate walk in Wolfscote & Biggin Dales, Derbyshire. The meeting point as usual is Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. For details call Patrick on 01543 422779. New walkers welcome.

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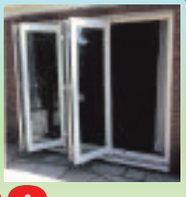

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Forcing in academies is not best way ahead

AS you may probably deduce from my weekly ramblings, I am no educationalist. And I have no view one way or the other whether converting all schools into academies would be a good thing, a bad thing, or as perhaps many of us suspect, will make very little difference either way.

Given the amount of furore it has caused though, it does cross my mind that many in today's government would do well to learn from the old 80s warhorse Norman Tebbit, who argued that the key to getting radical reform accepted was to "stay one step behind public opinion", and leave the population demanding more.

Regardless of which side of the fence you sit on, it doesn't seem rocket science that slow, progressive change is usually more sustainable than these big macho policy announcements that politicians seem so fond of these days.

Still, I'm glad the plan is on hold, for the simple reason it means we will no longer have to hear the ghastly words "academise" or "academisation" for a while.

Like I said, I'm no educationalist, but I do know that academy is a noun and not a verb. Don't they teach them anything in schools these days?

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IN the recent election for West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, 11,704 ballot papers were rejected because people had not given a clear intention of who they were voting for.

Now this could mean that a very significant proportion of the population are too dim to understand how to indicate who their first and second choice candidates are. Or, alternatively, it might be that there are nearly 12,000 people who are so sad that they will go to the trouble of walking or driving to a polling station for no other reason than to deliberately spoil their paper in some juvenile form of protest.

Either way, it's a rather sad indictment of society.

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FOR all the self-important, self-indulgent rants of the luvvies, the most outrageous comment at the Bafta awards surely came from the body's own chairman Anne Morrison, who said: "The British TV industry is the envy of the world."

Has she watched any British TV in the past 10 years? X Factor, The Voice, shouty soaps, endless hours of depressing 'psychological dramas' with sweaty close-ups, muffled dialogue and tinkly background music.

I don't think I can remember a time when there was so much choice of stuff not to watch. Which probably explains why the number of TV-free homes in the UK are now at the highest level since 1972.

Envy of the world? I'm beginning to think the people we should be envying are those who don't pay £145.50 a year to watch this dross.

Attention by John Lewis

Sunset Over Stow Pool by Rob Ings

Stunt Rider by Paddy Ruske

Annual exhibition to put skills into focus

Blowing in the Wind by Margaret Beardsmore

Forever Friends by Simon Healy

Small Waterfall by Brenda Page

RUGELEY & Armitage Camera Club are holding their Annual Photographic Exhibition next weekend.

More than 200 prints by members will be on display at the event on Saturday and Sunday, May 21 and 22, at Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre, in Sandy Lane, Rugeley.

Opening times are 11am until 4pm, admission is free, and refreshments and full bar facilities will be available. "The camera club was founded seven years ago with six members, and in this short time has grown to be one of the largest photographic clubs in the Midlands, with over one hundred members," publicity secretary Dave Hanmer said.

"The club caters for all levels of photographic skills ranging from raw beginners to enthusiasts.

"There is a full and varied programme of meetings throughout the year, including illustrated talks by leading photographers, practical evenings and monthly competitions." The club's practical evenings are an opportunity for members to learn more about their camera, taking of photographs, Photoshop and all aspects of photography by joining other members in small groups to listen to the more experienced section leaders as well as actively get involved.

"We are always looking for ideas for new topics, and also volunteers to run a practical session," Dave added.

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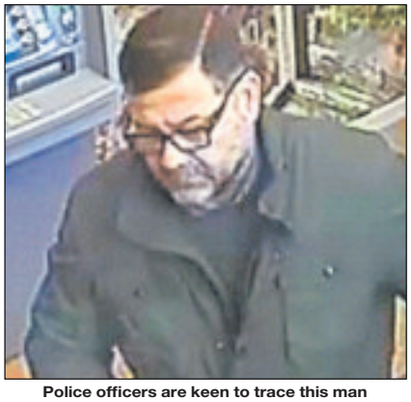
CCTV clues to card theft in bank

One of the suspects wanted by police

This suspect was wearing a hooded jacket



Police officers are keen to trace this man

This suspect has a distinctive appearance

THESE CCTV images show four men who police are trying to track down in connection with a theft at a bank in Cannock town centre.

The move comes after thieves distracted a 90-year-old woman before taking her bank card as she used a cash machine.

The men took the woman's bank card at Natwest Bank, in Market Place, at 10.15am on April 29. Police say she had entered the bank to use the cash machine.

She was followed in by the four men, all of whom are described as eastern European in appearance.

As she started to use the machine, two of the men acted as lookouts, while the other two positioned themselves near to her.

One of the men tapped her on the arm to distract her, as the second man, having observed the woman inputting her PIN, swapped her card for a second card. As a precaution, her card was cancelled by the bank, and no money was taken from her account.

Police are now asking the public to get in touch if they have an information about any of the men.

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However, the petrochemical companies are unhappy and are lobbying the Government to scrap the ban.

Protecting the environment is much more important than chemical companies' profits.

MICHAEL FAWDREY
Hednesford

NHS dispute is very worrying

PEOPLE are really getting frustrated with the lack of progress on the ending of the junior doctors' strikes.

Please pass on our strongest wishes for Jeremy Hunt to stop putting off talks and finding a solution which will satisfy all. Myself and my husband are both waiting for operations, and all these delays are very worrying.

PHILIPPA RICHARDS
Rugeley

Patients suffer while there is no solution

HAVING sat in hospital earlier this year for three days, over a weekend with my wife, who was crying due to extreme pain and no doctor available who could prescribe any appropriate pain relief, I am sickened by the repeated sight of junior doctors dancing and chanting on TV obviously wallowing in their '15 minutes of fame'.

I became so concerned at the time that I took in some of my wife's own prescribed medication from home and administered it myself, in an effort to provide at least some relief from her obvious discomfort.

Just one example, albeit a minor one, of why we need hospital doctors on duty, seven days a week.

That said, whilst I can accept that there are two sides to every story, in this current dispute both parties are approaching this issue with total intransigence, while the people to whom both have 'a duty of care' are left to suffer.

This is inexcusable behaviour by both sides.

I publicly challenge both Jeremy Hunt (Health Secretary) and Mark Porter (chair of the BMA council) by way of a direct copy of this letter to both, to explain and justify, why they are unable to agree to a cooling-off, trial period, of the current arrangements on offer, as a means of finding out and then ironing out any disagreements that may still exist, by way of an 'independent arbitrator'.

ALLAN KYTE
Great Wyrley

Fancy dress day will help protect wildlife

IN response to recent news highlighting the plight of wild species, and in particular the destructive activity of poaching, as a WWF ambassador I am urging your readers to Wear it Wild this May and help protect threatened wildlife.

Sadly there are just 4,800 black rhinos in the wild today with, on average, three rhinos a day poached in South Africa. Rhinos have been around for millions of years and it's crucial we help to protect their future.

But it's not just this armoured giant that's at risk. In WWF's Living Planet Report we revealed the devastating loss of wild species – 52 per cent since 1970.

On Friday, May 27, WWF is challenging the nation to Wear It Wild once again and don animal-inspired fancy dress. Everyone can take part. Simply visit wwf.org.uk/wearitwild and dress up and donate. Don't forget to share #WearItWild so we can see what you have planned.

BEN FOGLE
WWF ambassador

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Grateful for donations

MAY I through your letters page thank the people of Stafford for their generosity in supporting our flag day on Saturday, April 23 and our house-to-house collections in Stafford and the surrounding area during April. The flag day raised £426.33 and the total raised altogether was £2,325.20. This amount could pay for in-depth online counselling for more than 50 young people. I am very grateful.

MRS CHRIS SABERTON
Chairman, Stafford NSPCC

Forgotten letters can retell past

THIS year marks 500 years since the postal service was formalised.

Throughout its history, the postal service has given people the chance to share accounts of momentous political events, or of tiny, intimate, but life-changing family events.

As a historian, reading these letters give me the greatest pleasure. That's why I'm working with Royal Mail to ask people to hunt out long-forgotten letters that might help to retell history through the words of the people who lived it.

If you find something brilliant in your family letters, you can upload it through www.royalmailgroup.com/lettersofourlives or by sending a photocopy to Freepost RTSA-BEGA-AAZB, Letters of our lives, Riverside House, Riverside Estate, Sir Thomas Longley Road, Medway City Estate, Rochester, ME2 4FN to be documented as part of this project.

LUCY WORSLEY
TV historian

Moaners do nothing to change situation

WOULDN'T it be nice if, for once, people would actually vote for the best candidate in local elections, as opposed to the constant persistence of tribal voting.

Allow me to explain. If you placed a bag of potatoes on a leaflet and painted it red, it would get the Labour vote; likewise if you painted the said bag blue, it would get the Conservative vote. It wouldn't matter if the two bags of potatoes were up against the most highly intelligent, forward thinking greatest human politicians of all time – one of the potato bags would undoubtedly win the election.

People of Cannock Chase moan about the council, putting up council tax, potholes, bin collections etc, but what have they done to change it? Nothing. Enjoy your chips, Cannock Chase, because you will never taste caviar.

PERPLEXED
Cannock

Hospital staff a credit to their profession

THROUGH your paper I feel I must express mine and my wife's thanks for the brilliant care she received at Ms Sullivan's clinic at Good Hope Hospital, at Birmingham's eye hospital (Sheldon Block).

My wife had an operation to remove two cutaneous horns from her eye. It took three days, counting the day of the operation, results came back for the biopsy and an appointment for a follow-up check.

The organisation at the hospital was absolutely brilliant. I would like to thank them once again. They were a credit to their profession.

M J BROOKS
Burntwood

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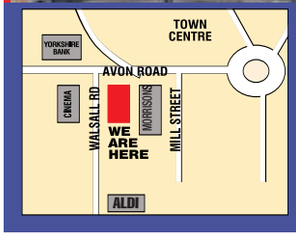

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THE operators of the M6 Toll have donated £10,000 to Midlands Air Ambulance Charity to help pay for the ongoing cost of crew flight suits.

Midland Expressway Ltd (MEL) is already an Air25 25th anniversary corporate supporter of the Midlands Air Ambulance and was informed of the regular need to replace the crew flight suits.

Midlands Air Ambulance aircrew supervisor Ian Jones, based at the charity's Tatenhill airbase, said: "Our new flight suits are a vital part of our equipment. Each suit costs over £350 and can only be reused for about 50 washes due to the depletion of the fire retardant properties as a consequence of cleaning.

"Each suit is also tailor-made to the individual as it is important that it is both comfortable and practical to enable the crew to do their jobs in a variety of difficult environments.

"We carry a lot of essential items in our suits, so even the number and placement of the suit's pockets saves time. We are very grateful to M6 Toll for their continued support, and wear their logo with pride on our arms."

James Hodson, operations director at Midland Expressway Ltd, said: "M6 Toll has, since day one, supported Midlands Air Ambulance Charity, donating over £250,000 in total.

"Roads are our business, and we know that most of the work Midlands Air Ambulance has to do concerns road traffic accidents, and therefore understand the vital importance of what they do.

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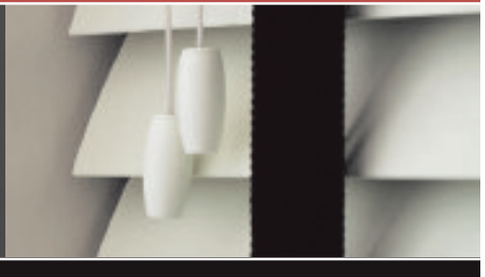

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Morrisons party boost for charity

The Bel Canto Choir belt out a song at the Communi-Tea Party in the Morrisons cafe in Cannock

CUSTOMERS and staff at Morrisons in Cannock raised £263.89 for the Sue Ryder charity through a 2016 Communi-Tea Party.

The Blue for Sue themed event in the store's cafe saw people enjoy a range of cakes in exchange for donations to the health and social care charity, which is Morrisons' national charity partner.

Hot drinks were also served, along with activities including a raffle and singing from the Bel Canto Choir. The store's Community Champion, Hazel Fraser, said: "We are delighted with the success of our 2016 Communi-Tea Party, and we'd like to thank everyone who came along and donated to Sue Ryder."

The Morrisons Communi-Tea Party for Sue Ryder was held across the chain's stores for one week.

In total, the Morrisons Raise a Smile partnership with Sue Ryder has raised £5 million.

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Hospitals bus to be axed

A FREE hospital bus service between Cannock and Wolverhampton is set to be scrapped because it is being used 'nowhere near enough'.

Poor usage of the service that runs between Cannock Chase Hospital and New Cross Hospital has seen the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT) take the decision to stop the service.

The trust had contracted Arriva Midlands Ltd to provide Monday to Friday services between the hospitals.

The X68 hourly service begins at 6.54am in Wolverhampton and 7.30am in Cannock with stops at Wolverhampton bus station, Deans Road, New Cross Hospital, Featherstone, the Red White and Blue pub, Wedges Mills and Cannock Chase Hospital.

The service will stop on July 1 but staff and patients will still be able to travel between the two sites as the trust will be running a free shuttle service with a 15-seater minibus.

This service will be free for NHS patients with an appointment letter from RWT, and health trust staff with an ID badge.

The trust's chief executive, David Loughton, said: "The bus was just not used anywhere near enough to justify the continuation of the service.

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President's looking to raise a smile

SI Cannock & District

NEW president Carole Holdcroft was given the chain of office by outgoing president Lynne Tuckley at the AGM in April.

In her final words, Lynne reminded members of the highs and lows of the year: two of their much loved and well respected members had died, but one member had married and others had become grandparents.

She thanked everyone who had worked to make the year a success and enabled the club to send donations amounting to £1,200 to Cannock Friends of St Giles and Pathway as well as the lobbying about trafficking and FGM and the service given to aid local groups.

Carole congratulated Immediate Past President Lynne and the club for all it had achieved and presented Lynne with flowers.

Carole has been a Soroptimist for almost 30 years and said she felt very proud to be elected president. She outlined some of the ideas she has for the year. Her chosen charity is the Pathway Project – Carole has worked in a voluntary capacity to support them for more than 20 years. Her theme for the year is Create Some Smiles.

The first major event Carole and her team have organised is an evening to raise awareness of issues around the theme of "Feel Good, Look Good". It is free and is being held at Calf Heath Village Hall on May 27. Email si.cannock@outlook.com, call 07971 494510, visit www.sigbi.org/cannock-and-district or see Facebook.

Come on, Eileen is new club chairman

Carolyn Dyer, Norma Hutchinson, Sheila Yard, chairman Eileen Cryer, Cecily Garbett and past chairman Christine Pace

THE ladies welcomed in their new chairman at the 29th Annual General Meeting at The Barns restaurant.

Chairman Christine Pace welcomed everyone to the Luncheon with a special welcome to Carolyn Dyer who was inducted as a new member and to a visiting guest, Diane Bennett, a prospective new member.

Grace was said by Annette Bint after which the ladies enjoyed their luncheon, followed by the AGM.

In her closing report, Mrs Pace thanked committee members for their loyal support. She thanked Elizabeth Stephenson as treasurer and also complimented her for the excellent social trips which she had organised.

Cannock Chase Ladies Probus

Mrs Pace thanked Pat Preece as speakers' secretary and all those who had agreed to say Grace and gave votes of thanks.

Vice chairman Eileen Cryer thanked Mrs Pace for her hard work and leadership and presented her with a large garden planter filled with flowers.

Mrs Pace then invited Mrs Cryer to take the chair and presented her with the chairman's badge of office for the ensuing year. She said it was a privilege to become chairman. Vice chairman will be Sheila Yard.

New publication is launched

APRIL'S speaker was Michael Guest, senior vicars choral at Lichfield Cathedral. He is currently completing a postgraduate research at Keele University on the history of the choral foundation of Lichfield Cathedral in the 18th century.

Michael showed a photograph of an important relic of the period which is still

Landor History Society

displayed in the Cathedral – an 18th century glass goblet, known as a rummer, with a capacity of two and a half imperial pints, originally used to measure a daily allowance of beer for each vicar. Once a year the present lay vicars fill the vessel with beer and pass it around the assembled company in memory of past members of the Choral Foundation.

The society's latest publication Ironworks of the Rising Brook Valley by Harry Thornton is available from Margaret Neal, Three Wishes in Upper Brook Street and Rugeley and Lichfield Libraries. It costs £6.

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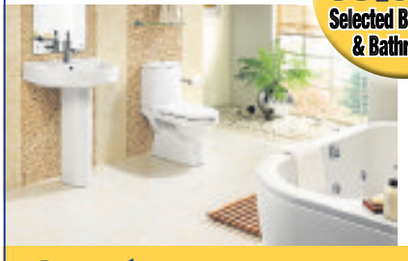

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Chairman signs off with care home visit

Resident Christina Crowley, manager Heidi Hunt, Councillor Mick Grocott, recreation and leisure co-ordinator Karen Walton

RUGELEY Town Council chairman Mick Grocott enjoyed a care home tour before handing over his chain of office.

Councillor Grocott's last official engagement of his year-long spell was to visit Horse Fair Care Home.

Councillor Grocott had previously met with residents, when a beacon was lit to mark The Queen's 90th birthday, where they captured the moment together with some official photography. He agreed to deliver the prints and used the opportunity to tour the luxury care home and gardens.

Councillor Grocott said: "There is some fantastic work taking place at Horse Fair, and the care for residents, which I have seen, is exceptional."

Celebrations

"Meeting Tony Nicholls, a resident who was Mayor of Lichfield in the 1990s, was a welcome surprise, as well as seeing so many people I knew, who are also residents at the home," Councillor Grocott added.

"While this is my last formal engagement, I am hoping to visit the home again for its Best of British event on May 14."

Horse Fair Care Home manager Heidi Hunt said: "Attending the beacon lighting last week was part of our own Queen's 90th birthday party celebrations, which proved to be extremely popular.

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Pupils in hi-tech fun at computer festival

Year 7 pupils enjoy programming with the Dash and Dot robots among other exciting activities

YOUNGSTERS got to grips with new technology in a computer festival in Hednesford.

Staffordshire University Academy teamed up with Tablet Academy, Gaia Technologies and Acer to host the event.

The children explored computing in a fun and engaging way using Intel-powered mobile devices. Activities included programming robots, Minecraft, developing online games and programming their own Lego creations. The day was split into two sessions, led by consultants from Tablet Academy who guided staff and students through the circuit of activities.

A group of Year 7 students from the Marston Road school and Year 5 students from Littleton Green Community School, Chadsmoor Juniors and West Hill Primary attended.

Staffordshire University Academy web manager Jayne Hill said: "We have really enjoyed hosting this free event and we are looking forward to the other festivals we have planned."

The academy has teamed up with Tablet Academy to create a STEM festival on May 18, designed for Key Stage 2/3 students to explore science, technology, engineering and maths in a fun and engaging way. The last in the series of festivals will centre on Minecraft on June 8.

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Children at Norton Canes Primary School with the new LearnPads which Taylor Wimpey enabled them to buy

NORTON Canes Primary Academy has received a helping hand from Taylor Wimpey Midlands towards funding the development of learning facilities.

The house builder, which is currently building homes at Chasewater Grange on the outskirts of the village, has donated £500 to the school to help purchase software for Android-based interactive tablets that can be used during lessons.

The school's headteacher Karen Amos said: "We have always been keen to invest in cutting-edge technology to help improve and develop the learning of our pupils, so being able to use the LearnPads as part of our teaching has made a big difference. This new facility will improve the education of all of our pupils, as the new software allows us to have a system tailored to support their learning.

"We've been using the LearnPads with our reception class to help refine their motor skills, as well as with slightly older pupils to support their mathematics lessons by teaching them core skills using a different media to what they normally experience.

"We find that children's understanding and retention of new learning improves with a greater variety of contexts to learn in.

"LearnPads provide them with a new context, and one they are excited about using. Our Year 4 class has capitalised on the power of the LearnPads during their English and maths lessons, while our Year 6 pupils have been using them to create and edit animations which they will eventually share online."

The school, which has 252 pupils ranging from nursery to Year 6, has eight LearnPads and hopes to add more in the near future.

Anne Wallace, sales and marketing director for Taylor Wimpey Midlands, said: "We feel it's extremely important to support the communities in which we build our new homes, and what better cause than to invest in education and help improve the facilities of local schools."

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Conservation efforts pay off for butterflies

Look out for hedgehogs

Abby Gower at British Wildlife Rescue Centre, with Harry the hedgehog, who was tangled up in football netting

ANIMAL lovers are being urged to help hedgehogs like Harry, who was found tangled up in football netting.

The British Wildlife Rescue Centre at Amerton Farm near Stafford took part in the national Hedgehog Awareness Week. The nationwide initiative is organised by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society and takes place every year.

It aims to highlight the problems hedgehogs face and how the public can help them. From hedgehogs poisoned by rat pellets to injuries from strimmers, the centre takes in and rehabilitates up to 100 hedgehogs every year.

Abby Gower, aged 28, is one of the 15 volunteers at the centre.

She said: "As a rescue centre we decided to take part to do our bit and help raise awareness.

"It's important to help them because they are in the decline. We constantly get them coming in and probably get about 100 every year. As people are getting out in the gardens for the summer they will suddenly begin to be in a lot of trouble."

CONSERVATION efforts are making a difference to some of Staffordshire's rarest butterflies, according to conservationists.

A book published by the West Midlands branch of Butterfly Conservation (BC) provides details of which types are found in the region and where to find them.

Each of the 40 species is illustrated, and 25 specially designed walks are included for those hoping to see some of the harder to find butterflies. In Staffordshire, these include Cannock Chase, Baggeridge Country Park and Highgate Common.

The book is the result of two years' work by the editorial team, who have drawn from a database of almost half a million records, 70,000 coming over the past five years.

Ian Duncan, who co-ordinated the publication of the book on behalf of West Midlands BC, said: "By publishing this book we hope to raise awareness of the problems facing many of our butterflies, some of which are continuing to decline.

Different

"We also wanted to show how, by taking effective conservation action, many species can recover and continue to flourish.

"The Pearl and Small Pearl-bordered Fritillaries, Wood White, Silver-studded Blue and Brown Hairstreak are all examples of where conservation effort in different parts of the region has made a huge difference."

Peter Seal, chair of West Midlands BC, said: "The book is a real team effort and could not have been produced without help from many quarters. We would like to particularly thank those local companies and individuals who helped us to raise the necessary funding. West Midlands Butterfly Conservation has a terrific record of working with other wildlife organisations to conserve declining species, and we hope that the book will encourage more people to help us in our efforts."

All proceeds from sales of the book will help conserve butterflies and moths in the West Midlands. Copies can be ordered at www.naturebureau.co.uk/bookshop

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MP presents a lesson on EU

STAFFORD MP Jeremy LeFroy visited a Penkridge school to discuss the upcoming the EU referendum.

Mr Lefroy met pupils and staff at Wolgarston High School to explain the finer points of the referendum. He put into context the arguments for and against staying in Europe, ready for both the actual referendum and a whole school mirroring event being organised by a teacher at Wolgarston.

Mr Lefroy also explained that this would be the first time that he, like some sixth formers in the school, would be able to vote on the issue. The last referendum took place in 1975. Year 12 student Hannah Groom said the event was 'insightful, very informative and helpful for me'.

Council homes sell-off fears over Right to Buy extension

HUNDREDS of council homes in Staffordshire and the Black Country could be sold off to help fund the Government's Right to Buy extension scheme, a charity has warned.

By Heather Large

Shelter estimates that a total of 1,239 properties in the region could be sold on the open market once they become vacant.

The money raised through the sale of 'high value' homes would then be used to fund discounts of up to £100,000 for housing association tenants taking up the Right to Buy offer. Bosses at the homelessness charity say that councils in the area will need to raise more than £130 million through the sale of 'high value' homes to pay for the subsidies, under an extension to the Right to Buy scheme, which is now being put through parliament as part of the government's Housing and Planning Bill. The Right to Buy scheme helps eligible council and housing association tenants buy their home at discounted market value.

Shelter estimates that 451 properties in Wolverhampton could be sold off each year with the council needing to raise around £48.8m.

It predicts 392 homes in Sandwell would go on the market to help generate £41.6m. In Dudley, the charity says the council needs to find £42.4m and could be forced to sell off 338 properties.

In Cannock, 59 properties would need to be sold to bring in £6.8m. No figures were available for Walsall. There is an estimated 20,000 people on waiting lists for properties across the region.

Burglar is foiled during break-in

POLICE have launched an appeal after a burglar was disturbed during a break-in.

The incident happened at a property in Moorland Close, Etching Hill, where the offender entered the insecure garage before forcing a panel in the front door leading into the house.

The offender was disturbed and it is believed nothing was stolen during the break-in, which happened between 6.30pm and 10pm on Monday last week.

A police spokesman said: "It is believed the offender was disturbed by the occupant returning home, as there had been an untidy search."

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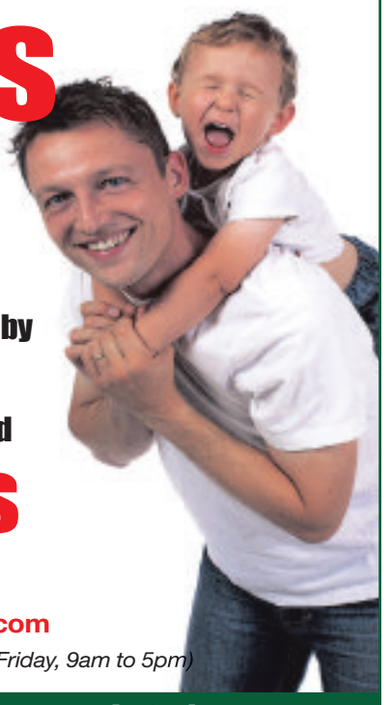

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Probe into HS2 over meeting £55m cost

A TOP civil servant has been called in to review the HS2 project amid fears it cannot be completed within its £55bn budget.

Cabinet Secretary Sir Jeremy Heywood is expected to report on the situation by the summer as part of work led by the Government's newly formed Infrastructure and Projects Authority.

It has been reported that a senior rail source said: "The review started about mid-March. There are things that can be cut, like engineering work north of Birmingham that becomes redundant when a link to Crewe is built in 2027. Heywood was concerned about the budget estimates and if they can cut any costs it will give them confidence of being within those estimates."

Anti-HS2 campaigners believe any substantial cut in its budget could lead to lower compensation payouts for households in London, the Chilterns and the Midlands affected by construction work.

As reported last month, the Stop HS2 campaign claimed that the high-speed rail link would have to be delayed – something HS2 bosses denied. This was followed by Lord John Prescott saying the UK would be counting the cost of HS2 for decades.

Joe Rukin, of Stop HS2, said: "We've already seen links to Heathrow and HS1 lopped off in a futile attempt to keep the cost of HS2 down, but it keeps spiralling out of control. The idea that government is looking to see what they can slice off to stop cost escalation is very disturbing to communities and environmentalists."

A government spokesman said: "As is normal for large projects, the Infrastructure and Projects Authority is conducting assurance of the HS2 programme as it proceeds into its delivery phase."

A spokesman for HS2 said: "There are no delays to the programme and we remain on target to progress a further round of major contract invitations this summer."

Pupils have say on change

Inspiration – pupils take a look at the grounds which are to be landscaped for the newly created Hart School in Rugeley

STUDENTS and staff from the Rugeley Academies, Fair Oak and Hagley Park, have shared their ideas with the team of architects responsible for transforming the landscape uniting the two sites.

Architects DK-CM, who are supporting the transition into Hart School by creating a new pathway, enlisted the help of Student Council members, design students and members of staff.

The working group were asked by the architects to capture the personality and character of their new school in single words, then tasked with transforming the words into visual symbols. This collage of symbols, or 'iconography', will add to the architects' inspiration for the landscape designs.

Executive principal Chris Keen said: "Together, we will transform the Rugeley Academies into a single ambitious school, and the new landscape will play a vital role in that.''

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Chase book takes its place in libraries

Trevor Warburton of the Friends of Cannock Chase and Kerry Hutchings of Staffordshire Libraries and Arts Service with the book

A CHILDREN'S book set on Cannock Chase during the First World War is available to borrow from a number of libraries in Staffordshire.

The Friends of Cannock Chase used part of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant for 'Reaching Out Arms – the Story of Cannock Chase in World War I' to buy 20 copies of The Anzac Puppy and given then to nine libraries.

Back in 2014, the team at Cannock Chase AONB was contacted by New Zealander Peter Millet, who needed help researching his latest book, which was inspired by Freda, a Harlequin Great Dane and mascot of the NZ Rifle Brigade during the Great War.

The team put him in touch with Trevor Warburton, secretary of the Friends of Cannock Chase, and Marion Kettle from the Landor Society, who helped the writer find out information about Freda's history. Following the publication of The Anzac Puppy, Peter visited the UK last summer and met the Friends of Cannock Chase and members of the Landor Society.

During the visit, he laid a poppy spray at the Commonwealth Cemetery and one on Freda's grave. As The Anzac Puppy is not available in the UK, the Friends of Cannock Chase decided to buy 20 copies so that the story can be enjoyed by local children.

Peter said: "During 2015, nearly every school in Auckland placed a copy of The Anzac Puppy in their library for students to read and enjoy.

"I'm thrilled that children in Staffordshire will also get an opportunity to read Freda's story."

Trevor said: "Freda has become a well-known feature of the Chase over the years. The book is a beautifully crafted piece of work."

Kerry Hutchings, of Staffordshire Libraries and Arts Service, said: "We are honoured to be chosen to keep the stories of this faithful dog and our Great War heroes alive." The Anzac Puppy is available to borrow from libraries in Rugeley, Brereton, Cannock, Norton Canes, Heath Hayes, Hednesford, Stafford, Baswich and Penkridge.

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The country may be famous for its chocolates but it appears to be just as enthusiastic about its beer, and a number of breweries offer tourists the chance to see how Belgium's famous ales are made.

Palm Breweries in Steenhuffel is a short drive from the city of Antwerp and produces a dozen different types of beer, including the US favourite Rodenbach and a red fruit ale called Rosso.

"Brewing beer is chemistry," the tour guide says as we roam around a production line, before taking a seat at the bar to see the end results.

While arguably Belgium's most famous beer export, Stella Artois is considered a strong lager in the UK, but most of its rivals in Belgium have an alcohol content above five per cent.

After sinking my third variety of Palm beer, I take a taxi to the city of Mechelen to meet local beer expert Sofie Vanrafelghem. Sofie is a zythologist who has studied the history of beer-making, and holds events to show how different kinds of ales can compliment certain foods.

She also founded the Women and Beer movement to tackle people's preconceptions about the drink.

"My whole life revolves around beer," she says at her Women and Beer workshop. Beer is surrounded by lots of prejudices, like beer is fattening. Not true. Beer's not healthy. Not true. Women wouldn't drink beer with me, so I thought, 'How can I change that?'"

Sofie claims that regular beer drinkers have a 'really good bone structure' and a 25cl glass of Pilsner has fewer than 110 calories. Researchers have also discovered people who drink beer live longer," she adds.

This is music to my ears. However, she is keen to point out that drinking Belgium's strong beers should be done in moderation.

One of the more unusual places visitors can enjoy a beer is at the top of St Rumbold's Tower, part of the cathedral in Mechelen. At 97 metres high, and more than 500 steps to the top, it's a workout to reach the summit of the Unesco world heritage site, but the effort is well worth it for the excellent and almost endless views of Mechelen and northern Belgium.

The company behind one of the country's most popular beers, Duvel, has also opened its doors to visitors for a behind-the-scenes tour of its brewery in the rural town of Puurs, based just outside of Antwerp. Its most popular beer, with an alcohol strength of 8.5 per cent, is served in a glass called a bolleke.

Cheese

The tour is popular among men and women, with one hen party clearly enjoying the opportunity to sample some of Duvel's products.

Everyone is well behaved though, and visitors are treated to cheese and beer at the end of the tour.

The latest brewery to open up to the public is De Koninck in Antwerp. Its interactive tour includes a simulated van drive through the city and an amusing bar scene where the brewery's past owners bicker among themselves as they explain the company's history.

For those needing to soak up some of that beer, Graanmarkt 13 Restaurant in Antwerp offers creative dishes from chef Seppe Nobels, one of the Flemish Kitchen Rebels.

The Rebels are 25 top chefs who are all under the age of 35 and have a passion for Flemish gastronomy and innovative food. Many of the restaurant's dishes are made with vegetables grown in its very own garden.

While Brussels and Bruges are already popular Belgian destinations, Antwerp, Mechelen and its many breweries are perfect for any beer lover.

HOLIDAYS

By David Mercer

You can even enoy a beer at the top of St Rumbold's tower in Mechelen

Masterchef quality served up at an 18th century manor

The Manor has been tipped for a Michelin star

HAVING been a follower of Masterchef: The Professionals since it started in 2008 I began to watch the 2015 series with my usual degree of interest.

I was immediately impressed with Mark Stinchcombe, so much so that I Googled his name.

I found that he and his wife were a duo of head chefs at Eckington Manor.

Of course, his performance has made the restaurant a very popular destination, and therefore a little difficult to get in, especially at weekend.

The Manor, until 2004, was a run-down farm, bought and restored by Judy Gardner who set up a cookery school.

The business has grown, especially with the arrival of Mark and his then partner, Sue, who is now Mrs Stinchcombe, some two years ago. There's an attractive bar area, where pre-dinner drinks came accompanied by a truffled cream-cheese dip, before we were shown to the upstairs restaurant.

An interesting amuse-bouché of celeriac, with raisin and Brie, was served with cheese foccacia and fennel bread.

We both had the confit guinea-fowl terrine, with turnip, golden raisin and mustard seeds. This was a delicate balance of textures and tastes.

My main course of Eckington Manor rib-eye of beef and braised shin, with caramelised onion, wild mushrooms and red wine jus was a beautifully constructed dish. My wife's seabass, braised fennel, prawn tortellini and roasted lemon, which was the undoubted star on the plate, was a great delight. We both settled on the rhubarb soufflé, gingerbread ice-cream and rhubarb juice for our desserts. The lightness of the soufflé and the sharpness of the rhubarb juice, contrasting with the richness of the ice-cream, made a very satisfactory finale to a dinner of exceptional quality.

The food and drinks bill was about £150, which may be good value for the Eckington Manor experience, especially as many diners are tipping the restaurant for Michelin star recognition.

Our room, though small, had a comfortable bed and an en-suite with walk-in shower. There was also an array of toiletries. Breakfasts, made from high-quality, locally produced ingredients, were first class.

By JERALD SMITH

Archaeology team to dig into history of Clent Hills

NATIONAL Trust and Wolverhampton Archaeology Group are teaming up to discover more about the history of the Clent Hills.

Every Sunday until June 26 a team of archaeologists will be investigating the site and exploring unusual landscape features to get a better understanding of how they were made.

The main focus of the work will be on the ruins of Hill Cottage, sometimes referred to as the Ranger's Cottage, which is in the valley behind the Four Stones.

The cottage was once a destination in its own right, selling teas to the many day-trippers that flocked to the Hills during the first half of the twentieth century.

The National Trust thinks that this cottage was built at some point in the late 1700s, but there is evidence to suggest that people lived on that site as far back as the Early Medieval Period.

Visitors on those Sundays will be able to visit the dig site, talk to the archaeologists, handle some finds and have a chance to be an archaeologist themselves.

There are a vast network of walking trails to enjoy around the Clent Hills, including part of the North Worcestershire Way. Dogs are also welcome at the Clent Hills and there is a picnic area at Nimmings Wood car park and a café at Nimmings Wood car park but is closed on Mondays. A walks leaflet is available from the café and at the entrance to Nimmings Wood car park

Simon Barker, National Trust Wildlife and Countryside Consultant, said: "The outdoor spaces at the places we care for are just as important as the buildings and interiors.

"They offer a variety of habitats for native wildlife and plants and we actively manage many of these areas to benefit the flora and fauna that live there. For example, at Clent Hills we maintain the woodlands and restore areas of open acid grassland so that it continues to attract a variety of birdlife.

As well as resident species and regular summer visitors, the hilltops of Clent are good places to see rarer migrant species such as Ring Ouzel (aka the mountain blackbird) and Wheatear as they stop off on these high points en route to their breeding sites."

For more information about the history days contact clenthills@nationaltrust.org.uk or call Laura Smart, Visitor Experience Manager, on 01562 712 822.

Entries rolling in for Festival of Transport

ENTRIES have been rolling in for a transport show which will feature a range of modern and classic vehicles.

More than 60 vehicles have already been booked to go on display at the second Market Drayton Festival of Transport.

It will be held on Palethorpes' site in the town on August 21, from 10am until 4pm.

Organiser Nathan Shore said: "There will be all sorts of vehicles; modern, classic and vintage.

"There will be cars, tractors, trucks, bikes – basically anything with a wheel.

"We have had a good response of people entering their vehicles with over 60 cars booked for 2016 already and entries are still piling in.

"There will be local caterers with a selection of different foods, from Mexican food to hot dogs and ice cream.

"We have loads of entertainment for the kids, with puppet shows and a fairground as well as trade stalls."

Last year's inaugural event raised £5,000 for Ward 23 for haemotology and oncology at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to purchase pulse oximeters.

Mr Shore said: "Money raised this year will once again be donated to Ward 23. We are aiming to buy equipment like last year so we can see what our efforts and people's generosity goes towards.

"We are not sure on the equipment as we are still in talks with the ward manager."

He added: "The idea for the event came about because my dad, Wesley Shore, used to have a 1953 vintage truck. He would take it to different shows and loved seeing all the other older vehicles. Just before he passed away three years ago he was cared for on Ward 23 at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. We wanted to help raise some money for the ward."

More than 600 people flocked to last year's festival.

For more details about this year's event email **mdfestival@outlook.com** or visit the event's Facebook page.

Firefighter Matthew earns bravery award

Matthew Owens receives his bravery award from Staffordshire's Chief Fire Officer Becci Bryant

A CANNOCK firefighter who helped to save the life of a stabbing victim has received a certificate of commendation.

Firefighter Matthew Owens, from Cannock Community Fire Station, was attending a music event in Blackpool when he leapt into a action. He administered first aid to the victim and began chest compressions when the man's pulse stopped, continuing the treatment until the paramedics arrived. Mr Owens was honoured for his bravery during an event at Cannock Community Fire Station.

Station manager Neil Pederson said: "Mr Owens' selflessness in giving assistance showed courage and presence of mind, especially when there were still men with knives in the area. His actions undoubtedly helped to save this gentleman's life and deserve to be recognised."

Meanwhile, members of the fire crew who rescued the victims of the Smiler crash at Alton Towers last year have been shortlisted for an award. Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service's annual celebration, the MORE awards, will be at the County Showground in Stafford on June 30.

The MORE Awards aim to highlight the excellent work carried out by operational and support staff as well as voluntary members of the team and partnership agencies.

Hundreds lose home through the courts

MORE than 700 people have lost their homes after they were repossessed in Staffordshire and the Black Country in 12 months.

But the number has fallen during the past two years with fewer people being taken to court for falling behind on their rent or mortgage. A total of 707 homes were repossessed through county courts across the region in 2015.

By Heather Large

This figure was down by more than 80 per cent compared with two years ago when there were more than 4,000.

But homelessness charity Shelter says the number is still too high and that people are struggling due to factors such as welfare cuts and a shortage of low-cost homes.

There were 286 repossession cases heard at Walsall, 211 at Wolverhampton, 202 at Dudley and eight at Stafford. Nationally the number of repossessions is also falling. There were a total of 5,594 across the country in 2015 – down by 53 per cent.

Shelter's deputy head of policy, Kate Webb, said: "A devastating combination of welfare cuts, sky-high rents and a chronic shortage of genuinely affordable homes is causing a worrying number of families in the Black Country and Staffordshire to lose the battle to stay in their home.

"Far too many families are at breaking point, living from one pay packet to another and in constant fear that just one piece of bad luck – like a cut in hours – could cost them their home.

"Successive governments have failed to build enough genuinely affordable homes, and short-sighted welfare cuts are only making things worse. The only way to fix this crisis for good is for the Government to commit to building homes that people on low to average incomes can actually afford to rent or buy."

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JCB wins £16.5m order

STAFFORDSHIRE digger giant JCB has won a £16.5 million order from a plant hire company which is celebrating 10 years in business. Haydock-based Plant Hire UK has placed the order for almost 400 new machines. The bulk of the order is for 300 Loadall telescopic handlers maufactured at JCB's world headquarters in Rocester, with the cabs made at JCB Cab Systems in Rugeley. The deal also includes a fleet of site dumpers. It will also see the 2,000th JCB machine supplied to Plant Hire UK with the latest additions to the fleet to be delivered throughout 2016.

Chase bucks the trend as traveller sites rise

CANNOCK Chase has bucked the trend as the number of traveller and gipsy sites in the West Midlands grows dramatically.

A new report says the number of sites has increased significantly in the last two years.

But Cannock Chase Council was the only local authority in the West Midlands to report a slight decrease, with the number of unauthorised traveller sites in the district down from eight in 2014 to seven in 2015.

By Jessica Labhart

The Walsall borough saw the greatest increase, with 69 in 2015, compared to just 15 the year before. An illegal encampment took place on Bescot Retail Park, close to Walsall FC's Banks's Stadium in November 2013, while travellers also pitched up at Warley Woods meadow.

Figures show that since 2015 the number of illegal encampments in Wolverhampton has almost doubled, from 10 in 2014 to 19 in 2015.

Spree

Travellers moved into Faulkland Street car park, just off the city's ring road, in 2012, while in 2014, arrests were made as travellers were suspected of masterminding a crime spree of 70 robberies.

In Dudley, the figure rose from 15 to 29 and in Sandwell the number of traveller sites increased by 10 to 40.

Sandwell Valley was invaded by travellers in October last year and in March this year, 40 caravans arrived at the car park of Showcase Cinema, Dudley.

The figures were revealed as part of a report to Wolverhampton Council's scrutiny board meeting, which looked at giving more powers to council officials and the police in dealing with travellers.

The report states that: "Wolverhampton has experienced regular unauthorised encampments over the past decade and longer. These can cause disruption and conflict locally and can be expensive and time-consuming to clear. Unauthorised encampments cause a problem which requires a range of solutions including the provision of permanent pitches for the gipsy and traveller community.

"Wolverhampton is not alone in the West Midlands in having high levels of unauthorised encampments in recent years."

The report also details a new policy around how to approach the arrival of travellers onto unauthorised sites and requires a welfare assessment be carried out by the council on every traveller as soon as they arrive.

But the report does recognise the nuisance that travellers can cause.

It states: "Our experience in Wolverhampton is that criminality is often associated with unauthorised encampments and examples would include damage caused gaining access to sites and the dumping of waste on land."

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Company lands £38m deal with UK ports group

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This success builds on the long-standing relationship between Briggs and Peel Ports, through a partnership at the Liverpool operation that spans 22 years.

Jamie Gardner, group procurement manager at Peel Ports Group, said: "Briggs Equipment was able to demonstrate a strong track record of delivery during the tender process which was supported by an attractive commercial proposal that delivered the best overall value for Peel Ports."

The seven-year contract includes a three-year extension option and is in operation at 10 sites. Briggs will provide full service and maintenance support for more than 400 materials handling assets.

Gary Clements, strategic development director at Briggs Equipment, said: "We look forward to adding considerable value to Peel Ports operations through innovation and long term collaboration."

Reminder on tobacco packaging

STAFFORDSHIRE traders are being reminded that new laws enforcing plain packaging for all tobacco products are being introduced next Friday.

The legislation will mean all new tobacco products will be plain dark green, with health warnings and graphic images.

Traders will have a year to phase out old stock with variant colour brands.

MPs voted in favour of the new laws in March last year following agreement to bring in legislation prohibiting tobacco from being on public display in shops. The law applied to large stores and supermarkets in 2012 and then extended to shops of all sizes in April 2014.

Staffordshire's trading standards leader Councillor Gill Heath said: "We know that making tobacco less attractive looking and less visible does have an impact.

"Consumers will start to see the new packets phased in gradually, and there should be no branded packs on sale after May 20, 2017."

'Severe' child exploitation cases on net

FORENSIC detectives are raiding three homes in a week amid claims Staffordshire has a 'severe' problem with children being sexually exploited over the internet.

Staffordshire Police has confirmed there are more ongoing international investigations with links to the area after a man in America was jailed for 30 years for grooming dozens of youngsters online including an 11-year-old girl in Stafford.

In nine months, since a dedicated team was set up by the force to target predators making, downloading and sharing indecent images of children, more than 100 warrants have been executed and 88 arrests made. Although the crackdown has proven effective so far, it has shone a light on the true depths of the problem of online child exploitation in the county.

Tim Lee, digital forensic manager at the force, said: "Downloading and sharing is a big problem but unfortunately we also identify cases of live abuse."

Central to the operation, codenamed Safenet, is the ability to scan electronic devices on-site with software that can detect indecent pictures within minutes.

So far 1,557 exhibits have been seized from mobile tablets to micro-SD cards – 552 have come back 'positive'.

Suspects from Cannock and Stafford are among those arrested.

Debate on petition to save library

CAMPAIGNERS have stepped up their fight over the future of Lichfield library by handing in a 6,324 signature petition to councillors.

Organised by Lichfield & Burntwood Green Party, the petition amassed the total in 49 days. As well as signatures from across the UK, more than 5,600 Staffordshire residents put their names to it – well in excess of the figure required to trigger a council debate.

Plans have been drawn up to switch the library to St Mary's in the Market Square, allowing the current site at The Friary to be converted into residential accommodation.

Campaign spokesman Simon Partridge said they hoped to have a 'full public consultation'.

Save Lichfield Library campaigners have a chance to present their case in support of the petition when the county council debates it on May 19. The debate can be viewed from the public gallery in the council chamber or via a live webcast.

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Yak attack with a savage debut

ALBUMS

by Leon Burakowski

COMPRISING two Wulfrunians (singer/guitarist Oli Burslem and bassist Andy Jones) and a Kiwi (drummer Elliot Rawson), Yak make an impressive noise on their debut album Alas Salvation.

If you thought Royal Blood were raw and raucous, prepare to be blown away by Yak's savage, passionate, brutal blast. Is there something that makes Wolves folks want to roar because the city's other big noise God Damn are also ear-shreddingly intense, but even they can't match this trio's hard-hitting approach. That's apparent right from the start with screamo headbanger Victorious (National Anthem).

There are contrasts, Take It begins wistfully before upping the ante from psychedelic reverie to grinding riff, while Please Don't Wait For Me recalls Blue Jay Way from The Beatles' Magical Mystery Tour.

Use Somebody is a punk-grunge garage rocker of the first order and the energy on the melodic swagger of Harbour The Feeling could grab the attention of traditional rock fans, as could the twangy and explosive Smile.

Doo Wah is like a collision between The Velvet Underground and The Fall. However, Hungry Heart should be their anthem with Oli in declamatory form with a snarl of a vocal worthy of John Lydon. The fact that Oli looks like a young Mick Jagger will do them no harm either.

Gloomy but kind of glorious, Dublin's **September Girls** utilise stark surf guitar, reverb and grinding riffs to potent effect on **The Age of Indignation**. The indignation is a feminist response to life in Ireland, apparent on Jaw on the Floor and the angry Catholic Guilt. They use the swirling power of psych rock to pack a political, socially aware punch on a significant second album, particularly the incendiary title track taking the worst aspects of social media to task.

Brutal and passionate – Wolverhampton's Yak featuring Oli Burslem (centre)

September Girls are in concert with Telegram at Birmingham's O2 Academy 3 on Tuesday night.

Scottish indie rockers **Travis** still jangle nicely, and frontman Fran Healy croons pleasantly, much as they did in the immediate post-Brit Pop era when the Glaswegian quartet had hits with Driftwood, Why Does It Always Rain On Me, Turn and Sing.

Eighth album **Everything At Once** has typically Travis melodic and melancholy upbeat songs that should please the fans, such as What Will Come and arm-waving anthem Animals. There is some progression, the twitchy title track is fresh and Mancunian songstress Josephine Oniyama guests on Idlewild.

Travis are in concert at the O2 Academy in Birmingham tonight (Thursday).

The return of Minnesota's **The Jayhawks** should be celebrated by fans of alt-rock and Americana. Formed in the mid-80s, they sound as good as ever on **Paging Mr Proust**, first album in five years from the outfit led by singer, guitarist and songwriter Gary Louris.

The jangling, earnest Quiet Corners & Empty Spaces will warm the heart of any fan of The Byrds, Lemonheads or REM (whose Peter Buck produces). Lovers Of The Sun has a hazy Californian vibe, Leaving The Monsters Behind recalls The Band and Love, while The Devil Is In His Eyes is a rugged country rocker with mouth organ, harmonies and Crazy Horse style guitar.

There is a definite feel of the 1980s about **Cut And Paste**, the debut from young Londoner **Oscar** (Schneller). It is most apparent on The Human League-like punchy synth driven single Sometimes, featuring vocals from Florence Van Camerkj to contrast with Oscar's rich dark baritone. Maybe it's the voice but he also reminded me of Black on the reggae-flavoured Good Things and Only Friend, which features harmonies from Marika Hackman.

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Sailing countdown starts

THE final countdown to Push The Boat Out has begun as sailing clubs and centres in Staffordshire get ready for people of all ages to try sailing for free or at low cost from May 14 to 22. RYA Push The Boat Out is the national 'have a go at sailing' festival organised by sailing's national governing body, which will see 34 events at 25 venues throughout the West Midlands. Among those taking part are Manor Park SC at Kings Bromley, Rudyard Lake SC near Leek, South Staffs SC near Penkridge, Greensforge SC on Calf Heath Reservoir and Tamworth SC in Kingsbury Water Park.

Redundancy payments total more than £17m

MORE than £17 million has been paid out by Staffordshire County Council in redundancy payments in the last three years it has been revealed.

Since 2013, 1,232 staff have been made redundant at a cost of £17,446,160. This figure includes payouts totalling £5,291,015 for 375 redundancies last year alone.

By Jack Averty

But the County Council has hit back, insisting the cuts were part of 'financial pressures greater than ever before' and that it is still 'committed to getting best value for taxpayers'.

The freedom of information request also revealed that 516 people were made redundant to the tune of £6,439,142 in 2014 with 341 in 2013 at a cost of £5,716,003.

County councillor George Adamson, the leader of Cannock Chase District Council, criticised the county council for the redundancies.

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He said: "The county council has been slashing services for a while.

"They keep saying they have not made people redundant but clearly they have.

"The Conservatives who run the council have been cutting for years.

"Over £17 million, just think what kind of level of services could be provided with that kind of money."

Ian Parry, deputy county council leader and cabinet member for strategy, finance and corporate issues, said: "In recent years local authorities, and public services in general, have faced financial pressures greater than ever experienced before.

"In Staffordshire we have thought long and hard about how to protect core public services and stimulate economic growth.

"It's been a hard process. We're committed to getting best value for taxpayers, so whenever it's appropriate we review what we do and see if it can be done more effectively and efficiently than at present, whether that's by providing the service in-house, or by commissioning it from outside providers.

"As a result some council employees have faced redundancy.

He added: "We follow national rules about the process over consultation and the amount to be paid, which in this case averages less than £14,200."

Sandwell Council splashed out nearly £18 million on redundancy payouts in the past five years.

Over the same period Dudley Council paid out more than £21m, Wolverhampton Council spent in excess of £13m, while Walsall Council spent £5,947,094.

Across the four authorities 5,391 staff were either made redundant or took voluntary redundancy.

Wolverhampton Council, which has seen its central government funding reduced by £120m over the last five years, paid 1,546 workers a total of £13,680,707.

Fire crews tackle 100 prison cell blazes in a year

PRISON cell fires have doubled in Staffordshire in 12 months and, in the last six years, have cost the fire service around £70,000 to deal with.

In 2015/16 there were 101 fires – twice as many as the previous year and all caused deliberately – in the county's eight jails. These include HMP Featherstone and HMP Stafford which are both Category C male prisons. Others are at Brinsford, Dovegate near Uttoxeter, Drake Hall near Eccleshall, Oakwood in Featherstone, Swinfen Hall and Werrington.

The fire service has warned the risk of cell fires is extremely high and could easily lead to death.

Paul Shaw, technical fire safety lead at Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "A prison has been designed as a secure unit to prevent uncontrolled egress, therefore the means of escape are both restricted and complex in their design.

"A fire has the potential to affect the means of escape for all relevant persons, placing all concerned at significant risk of harm."

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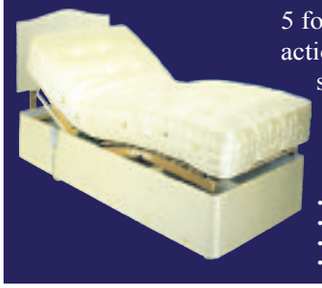

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Comedy to mark group's 10th anniversary

HEDNESFORD-BASED Tower Players is celebrating its 10th anniversary by staging Alan Ayckbourn's comedy Confusions at the Prince of Wales Theatre, Cannock, on May 25 and 26.

From a devoted and isolated mother, to her unfaithful travelling salesman husband, through a solicitous waiter to well-heeled diners and an utterly shambolic garden fete, human frailty is laid bare as one hilarious situation after another unfolds. Each of the plays connects to the next through one of its characters. From high farce to poignant observation, the laughs, however dark, keep coming.

In keeping with the group's tradition of innovation and experiment, the show will be performed in-the-round. SINCE its formation in 2006, the group's productions have included two shows about the pitmen of the Cannock Chase coalfield and Four Winters at War, a musical play about the military camps on the Chase in the First World War. Tickets are £12 at boxoffice.wlct.org or on 01543 578762.

Inspirational cancer sufferer is in line for blogging award

SHE moved away from Penkridge to live in Australia in November last year – ready to start a new life with her family.

But weeks later, mother of two Mim Jenkinson was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of breast cancer.

During a 'whirlwind' few months, Mim took the opportunity to write about her experiences and to inspire other young mums to check their breasts and others undergoing cancer treatment. Months later after sessions of 'gruelling' chemotherapy and radiation, and with one more month of treatment to go, the 37-year-old has been nominated for an award.

Mim Jenkinson

For her Love from Mim blog, she has been put forward for a Brit-Mums Brilliance in Blogging Award in the Inspire category.

She said it 'would mean the world' if she won the award, with the winner being revealed on June 25. "Since my diagnosis in November 2015 I have been fighting," she said. "Fighting to stay alive, to be with my family and to make every second of my life count for something.

"I want to do all I can to inspire other women to be vigilant with breast checks, to get to know their bodies and to seek medical help if they think there is a problem.

"I wanted to try and take the fear out of a cancer diagnosis for other young women undergoing this in the future and I believe that I've done my bit to share knowledge in an honest and open way.

"Blogging has given me a much needed therapeutic outlet and connected me to other mums with cancer around the world.

"It has given me a voice to talk about my experience and a platform to encourage other women to be vigilant with breast checks."

Mim was two weeks into a 'fantastic' new job after moving Down Under when she was diagnosed – and it soon became clear that she wouldn't be unable to continue the role during the aggressive chemo regime.

But she says she has turned it into an opportunity and sought work as a freelance writer.

She said: "Treatment has been up and down, chemotherapy can be truly grueling at times. But that aside, I'm finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel."

Father cycles for charities

Chris Jones and Dave Henaughan preparing for the charity bike ride

A FATHER has begun a mammoth journey cycling more than 1,000 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise money for two charities close to his heart.

Chris Jones, from Cannock, was inspired to undertake the feat as a way of giving something back for all the support he and his family have received since his son's diagnosis of autism at the age of two and a half.

He is raising money for the Derwen College, Oswestry, and the Special Needs Adventure Playground (SNAP) in Cannock. His son Paul Grainger, 24, has spent the last five years at Derwen College and is due to leave in June. Chris said: "Paul has greatly benefited being able to experience supported work and supported independent living and has so many opportunities to experience life skills and responsibility."

Chris and work colleague Dave Henaughan hope to finish the ride on May 22. Both work for Biffa Waste Services, which is partly supporting the challenge.

Proceeds will help pay to refurbish a light sensory room at SNAP, and refurbish a student bungalow at Derwen College.

Donations can be made at m.facebook.com/Blazingsaddless/ or uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/Chris-and-Dave

Hundreds of ancient woods 'under threat'

A TOTAL of 575 ancient woods across the UK are under threat from development, according to new Woodland Trust figures.

The charity claims that revised planning laws are still failing to protect the irreplaceable habitats.

Fourteen ancient woods in Staffordshire alone are threatened by the proposed HS2 route, it says.

The charity is renewing its call for better care and protection of ancient woods, which in many cases will be thousands of years old. It is looking for 'threat reporters' to sign up and identify cases of ancient woods under threat and has also launched a new guide to help communities and landowners identify areas of 'planted ancient woodland' which could be restored.

About 50 per cent of the charity's current cases involve ancient woods which were once covered in native broadleaf trees before being under-planted or felled and replanted with conifers or non-native species during the last century.

The charity is three years into a five-year £2.9 million Heritage Lottery Fund project supporting the restoration of up to 52,000 hectares of ancient woodland.

Eighties star Rick is latest addition to the V line-up

EIGHTIES pop star Rick Astley will be joining the V Festival line-up in August.

Astley, whose hits included Never Gonna Give You Up and Together Forever, will join the likes of Jess Glynne, Tinie Tempah and David Guetta in his debut appearance at the summertime festival.

V Festival will take place at Weston Park and Hylands Park, Chelmsford, on August 20 and 21.

Astley is set to perform several pop classics as well as material from his highly anticipated new album 50, due for release in June, which features his latest single 'Keep Singing'. His 1987 hit Never Gonna Give You Up went to number one in 25 countries. By 1993, he had sold more than 40 million records worldwide.

Justin Bieber and Rihanna were announced as the festival's first headline acts back in February.

The latest top 40 artists including Lukas Graham, James Morrison, John Newman and Rita Ora will also take to the stage during the two-day event which organisers say is set to be 'the party of the summer'.

DJ sets will be provided by Craig David's TS5, DJ EZ and Eric Prydz.

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Taster sessions at tennis club

CHESLYN Hay Tennis Club is looking forward to introducing new families and young people to the sport on Saturday.

The club has been selected by British Tennis to organise the Great British Tennis Open Day and hold free open sessions.

The Great British Tennis Open Day runs from 12.30 to 1.45pm, providing families with the opportunity to play tennis in an informal, coach-led sessions at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre. Families will be able to take part in open sessions with fun games and activities for all ages (six to 70) and abilities. The Quorn Family Cup is also taking place from 2 to 3pm.

The event is a doubles format played on a badminton sized court with compression balls. The adult must be over 18 and the young person 11 years and under.

An open week will be held at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre from Monday, May 16 to Saturday, May 21 where people can try junior and adult mini-tennis sessions for free.

Visit cheslynhaytennis.com for details.

Prisoners fall ill after taking 'legal highs'

INMATES were taken to hospital after being taken ill after taking so-called legal highs at Oakwood Prison. Six prisoners were seen by medical staff, with two taken to hospital for treatment.

And a prison source said it is believed a drone was seen flying over the site in Featherstone the previous night. Ambulance crews were called at 10.44am on Thursday. The prisoners were treated after a bad reaction to the new psychoactive substances (NPS). Director of HMP Oakwood, John McLaughlin, said the two prisoners taken to hospital were returned to Oakwood soon afterwards.

"Legal highs and synthetic drugs pose a threat to the safety of prisoners and undermine our regime," he said. "They have no place in our community, and we will always work with police to take action against prisoners and their criminal associates outside who try and bring them into Oakwood.

"I would like to thank prison staff and our healthcare colleagues from Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust for their prompt action in response to this incident, which serves as a warning to everyone in our community of the dangers of these kinds of substances."

Substances

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said: "What it does go to show is how more and more needs to be done to crack down on illicit contraband going into prisons and sentences for those who are found using them and dealing them in prisons.

"People who are found using substances and dealing those substances should see substantial extensions to their sentences and those who are helping to facilitate getting it into prison should be facing a very long prison sentence."

He added that the methods of getting contraband into prisons had become 'more and more elaborate'.

Oh deer! Surprise arrival at lodge

Baby Victor relaxes with his mother

THE arrival of two baby reindeer surprised staff at a Staffordshire lodge – who believe they are the first live reindeer calves born in the UK this year.

Blithbury Reindeer Lodge is celebrating the safe arrival of Beth, named in honour of the Queen's recent 90th birthday, and Victor, named after comedy queen Victoria Wood.

May is traditionally calving season so the two babies, who arrived within hours of each other, were both incredibly early, catching the experienced team at Blithbury Reindeer Lodge completely unaware.

Steve Swinnerton, owner of the lodge, said: "Victor was a good weight so only needed basic support in the first 48 hours. Beth, however, was very small, and her mother's milk hadn't fully come in, so the team worked incredibly hard to ensure she was fed and supported fully during those crucial first few days. Sadly Beth wouldn't have survived in the wild but due to the expert care and attention she has received at the Lodge we are hopeful she will now thrive."

Rock Dogs in gig

MODERN indie rock band The Rock Dogs will be playing live at The Littleton Arms in Huntington on Saturday. They play covers by the likes of Kings of Leon, and Foo Fighters. The band are on stage at 9.30pm. Admission is free.

Plan to be examined

PLANS that will help shape the future of the Stafford borough until 2031 have been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

The Plan for Stafford Borough was adopted in June 2014 and includes housing targets.

Now Part 2 of the plans sets settlement boundaries for Stafford, Stone and major villages, within which new housing and other developments can be located.

Go to staffordbc.gov.uk/examinationpart2

Trust is yet to carry out improvements

THE trust which runs County Hospital is yet to make dozens of changes recommended by the Care Quality Commission despite being told to improve nearly a year ago.

The health watchdog carried out inspections of the trust's major services including the hospital in Weston Road, Stafford, as well as Royal Stoke, during a series of visits in April and May last year.

In July their report outlined good care in a number of areas but overall the CQC declared the body 'Required Improvement' with some categories such as emergency responsiveness branded as 'Inadequate'.

A progress report states that out of 74 recommendations outlined by inspectors, 40 have been put in place while 34 are still yet to be completed.

A trust spokesman said: "It is recognised that directorate and divisional teams are working hard to make those improvements identified in the CQC report."

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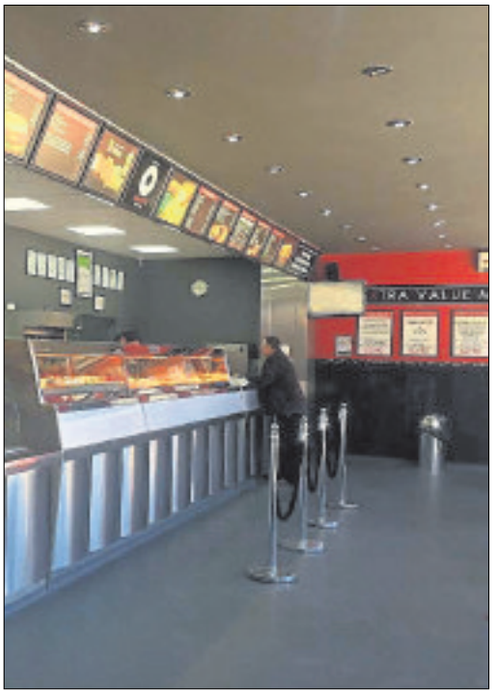
Chippy sets the highest standards

Store manager Gengiz Unal with a thumbs-up for Stephen



Customer satisfaction – inside the large modern Sankey's Fish Bar

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COMMERCIAL FEATURE

SANKEY'S Fish Bar, in Burntwood, has been operating under the same family for more than 30 years.

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Sankey's serves a wide variety of delicious food, ranging from traditional fish and chips to Pukka pies, lamb doner and peri peri chicken kebabs, chargrilled burgers, tasty southern fried chicken and much more.

All food is cooked using only the finest vegetable oil, GM free and non hydrogenated fat, high in omega nutrients. It is a 5-star hygiene rated establishment with good car parking facilities, and a focus from the business to ensure customer satisfaction and a strong community bond.

The fish shop has a wide range of special offers, from children's meals to lunch deals and family offers – starting from as little as £2.90.

Special

For those restricted by time or transport, a home delivery service has recently been launched, including an online system through Just Eat.

Sankey's Fish Bar takes a pride in getting heavily involved in community matters.

Following the tragic loss of inspirational teenager Stephen Sutton in May 2014, Sankey's held a half-price special offer last year and raised £2,000 which was donated to the Teenage Cancer Trust. It is the intention of Sankey's to do this every year.

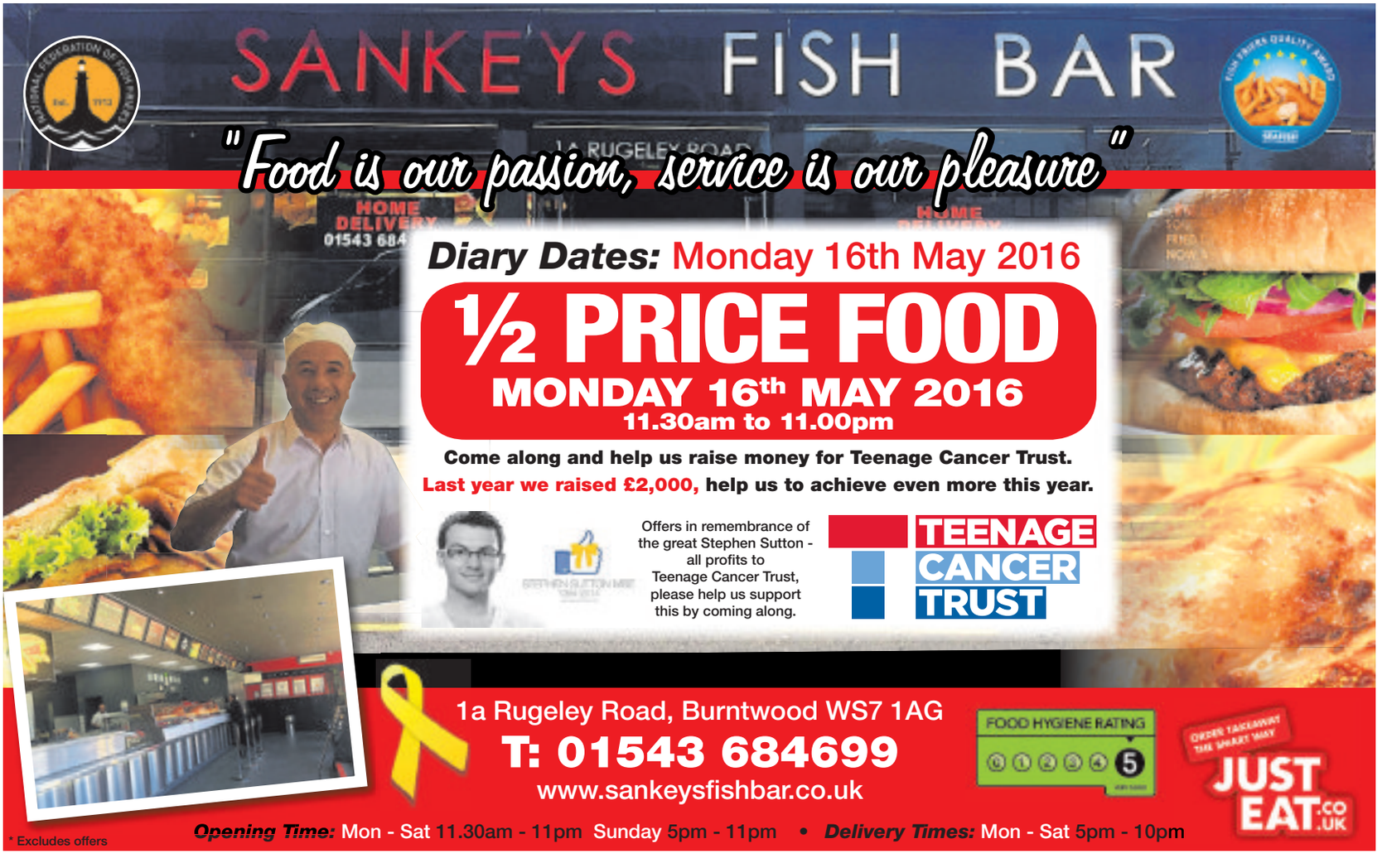
And for all those wishing to support Stephen's legacy, this year's half-price special offer will be held on Monday, May 16, with all proceeds again being donated to the Stephen Sutton Foundation.

Sankey's is hoping to exceed the £2,000 that was raised last year and is asking for support from the local community.

With this in mind, it has a seating area for those who are a little further away who may wish to eat in the dining area and to support this amazing cause.

The owners say they are proud of the establishment, operating as if Sankey's Fish Bar were a restaurant, and add that they would like to think it could gain a Michelin Star.

On behalf of all members of the team at Sankey's Fish Bar, Gengiz thanked all of his loyal and long-serving customers for their kind and much appreciated support.



Motorbikes and classic cars to hit streets

Stephen's mum Jane, with Colin Jacques at last year's event, will once again be taking the pillion place on the lead bike

Charity event in memory of Stephen

MORE than 250 motorbikes and classic cars will take to the streets of Staffordshire to mark another year since charity fundraiser Stephen Sutton's death.

The fourth Stephen Sutton Ride Out will take place on Sunday, with Stephen's mother Jane leading the pack as they travel from Lichfield Rugby Club to Burntwood Rugby Club.

The ride out was created in 2013 to help Stephen reach his target of raising £10,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust.

Since Stephen passed away, Col & Elle Jacques, organisers of the event, have pledged to continue the Ride Out on the closest Sunday to the anniversary of Stephen's passing and to continue the fundraising for the charity Stephen was so passionate about. To date the event has raised £24,500.

Announcing details of the event on Facebook page Stephen's Story, mother Jane said: "As with previous years, members of the biking community and vintage car owners are being invited to get themselves sponsored and to join us on the 25-mile trip around Tamworth, Alrewas, Kings Bromley and into Burntwood to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust in Stephen's memory.

"I will again be riding pillion on the lead bike and it would be lovely to see as many of you as possible out on the route through the villages and as we enter Burntwood.

"The day before the Ride Out will be the second anniversary of Stephen's passing, so it would be wonderful if people would once again decorate the route with yellow ribbons to show their support for the bikers and car drivers give us a 'thumbs-up' as we pass by," she added.

"Col, Elle and their team of volunteers are passionate about his event and proud that the bikers on average raised £40 each last year."

Limited spaces are available for the event, which will start at 11.30am.

Anyone wishing to participate in the 2016 Ride Out should visit www.ssro.co.uk or click https://www.facebook.com/colin.jacques.73 or click the contact page link on www.ssro.co.uk.

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Bargains to be had in vintage furniture

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES

By John Ridgway of Perry & Phillips

PULL up a chair. . . With many of us glued to the TV at some point during the day it's essential to have something comfortable to sit on – and vintage chairs can prove just as appealing as their modern counterparts if you find the right ones.

All kinds of vintage chairs can also play an essential role in other rooms throughout the home, so this week I thought we'd take a look at what can be bought at auction.

Let's start with chairs suitable for the sitting room and what could be nicer than a traditional wing-backed armchair.

The original wing chairs were actually high-backed wooden benches, so not really that comfortable, but gradually people added cushions and by the 17th century had opted for full-blown upholstery,

The much copied Queen Anne wing chair, with its elegant cabriole legs, was introduced in the 18th century and at the same time Hepplewhite designed his famous 'saddle cheek' wing chair with a lower seat.

The Victorians added padding to form a 'fireside chair', sometimes called a 'grandfather chair', and these were usually filled with horse hair.

It's important to remember that these early designs were replicated in later years so make sure you're buying the genuine item before you part with any cash.

It's unlikely to find immaculate upholstery on a vintage piece unless it's been restored (new fabric or leather won't much affect value) and wooden backs, seat and legs will usually show signs of wear.

Other nice vintage chairs for the sitting room include 1930s 'club chairs', usually made of leather, Chesterfields, Churchill chairs and Lansdown chairs – again, look out for modern copies!

Vintage dining chairs can be bought for very reasonable prices at auction (we recently sold a set of six Georgian ones at auction), they can look really good, don't be afraid to mix and match and even add a carver chair at the end of a table – but remember that quite often these chairs will not be as sturdy as modern ones.

Antique oak and pine chairs are perfect for the kitchen, again a mixture of styles works well, and for your office you may be lucky enough to find an old leather 'captain's chair'.

For bedrooms, go for salon or boudoir chairs (again, watch out for clever reproductions) and for a hallway ladder-back or balloon chairs are perfect.

Vintage furniture is selling for very reasonable, sometimes absurdly cheap, prices in the saleroom at present so now is definitely the time to buy.

Don't be afraid of a little wear and tear, it doesn't take much time or effort to restore vintage chairs to their former glory.

And it won't break the bank to get a professional upholsterer to replace leather and fabric.

Perry & Phillips holds valuation days, for sale items only, every Wednesday from 10am until 4pm at its Mill Street saleroom in Low Town, Bridgnorth, and auctions of antiques and collectibles are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

Today's 'dress code' much more comfortable

Beyonce's Ivy Park range

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The newest range to be launched by Topshop is Ivy Park by Beyonce. There is in fact so much choice, the sports leisure garment has become a staple wardrobe item.

Many businesses are dropping the 'Dress Down Friday' to stop the casual revolution taking over in their offices, lycra and trainers banned to be replaced by smart attire. Dress codes are seen less in restaurants and bars.

STYLE FOCUS

With Janet Timmis

We find more excuses to be comfortable and less to be smart, it is a shame, our ancestors would be shocked. My father wore a suit and tie to go shopping, I see less people dress up to go out shopping and even to go out to a party. The sweat pant is a staple wardrobe item for men and women.

Celebrities

Most of this can be attributed to the designer trainer, a coveted item, highly desired, worn by music icons and celebrities and launched seasonally. The top of the range cost well over £100 and have become collector's items, found inside glass cases in retail outlets.

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Michaela Strachan with John Leslie in 1993

Michaela arriving for an event in 2005

Michaela, seen here in 1996, has travelled the world filming animals

Ready to re-unite with 'family' for Springwatch

Michaela Strachan from Springwatch

MICHAELA Strachan's roaring with laughter as she recalls orangutans in Borneo stealing her make-up bag, racing with it up to the top of a tree, and daubing themselves with her cosmetics.

By Gabrielle Fagan

"A girl's make-up bag is a bit precious, but more importantly, that make-up was all that stood between me and having a completely bare face on camera during two weeks filming for Orangutan Diary!" says the BBC Two Springwatch presenter, who has a wealth of entertaining anecdotes gathered during a 30-year career working on wildlife programmes.

"It was one of those many occasions where things don't go according to plan because you can never rely on animals or nature. I sat for ages at the bottom of the tree hoping to retrieve whatever the orangutans dropped, while they smeared on my lipstick, ate eye shadows and chewed all the brushes, and all I got was a powder compact and an eye shadow! It's lucky I'm not vain and the only thing I ever worry about is 'zhooshing' my fringe into shape to hide my big forehead!"

In truth, it doesn't look as though she needs much slap. Fresh-faced, her tousled shoulder-length hair framing her face, she talks engagingly about juggling family life in South Africa, with regular trips to the UK to film for the hugely popular Watch series, which she presents alongside Chris Packham and Martin Hughes-Games. Springwatch returns to screens this month.

Strachan will also host SuperDogs Live at the National Pet Show next month.

"That will be just great fun as I adore dogs. We have a beloved Jack Russell, Toto, who's a little doddery now, but so precious to the family. It's lovely to be able to do other roles while I'm here and I feel I have a great balance to my life these days, which is great because I love both being a mum and working," says Strachan, who lives in Cape Town with her partner of 12 years, wildlife cameraman, Nick Chevallier and their 10-year-old son, Oliver.

"When I'm filming in Britain for the Watch, it's like being with my other 'family'. Martin, Chris, and I get on phenomenally well, respect each other and support each other and it's wonderful being on a series the public seems to love."

Last year, the surprise star of the series was a stickleback, with only two spines instead of three, nicknamed Spineless Simon, who viewers saw struggling to find a mate.

"I don't know how we're going to top him!" says Strachan with a smile. "It was such a surprise that Si captured the audience's imagination, but I think it's because he battled against the odds and the British love a successful underdog. There's bound to be something unexpected this year – you can't predict what will happen."

Two years ago, she experienced first-hand the unpredictability of life when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a double mastectomy and extensive reconstructive surgery, but is determined to focus on the positive rather than allowing the illness to define her.

She says: "As you get older, you want to de-clutter your life rather than fill it up with stuff and you also have a clearer idea of what makes you happy. These days, I realise I get pleasure out of very simple things – spending quality time with people I feel a connection with is special for me."

Strachan, who first found fame in the Eighties as a children's presenter on TV-am's Wide Awake Club, has travelled the world filming animals and conservation projects for TV programmes.

"It means that apart from seeing blue whales in the wild, which I hope to do one day, I've done and seen pretty well everything that was on my bucket list," she says.

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Leons' 40 years

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Call the Midwife tours are taking place

Simple shopping and sights weekends are also available.

Cardiff weekends include a stay at a centrally located 4-star hotel and include a guided tour of the city by a local guide and a boat cruise around Cardiff Bay. Edinburgh weekends include tickets for the famous Edinburgh Tattoo show. Themed weekends are proving very popular. Leons' new weekend Emmerdale and the Yorkshire Dales, takes in the filming location of the much loved soap opera, where you can see many of the characters' favourite haunts. There are Downton Abbey trips, visiting Highclere Castle and the setting for Yew Tree Farm.

Now on sale for next year is a new weekend 'Call the Midwife' which departs in March – see the filming location for the hit TV series at Chatham Historic Dockyard in Kent where visitors will get a guided tour by their very own midwife. They also visit Rochester and London on this brand new weekend.

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Awareness week's focus on condition

COMMERCIAL FEATURE

Get involved – Dementia Awareness Week runs from May 15 to 21

THIS year's Dementia Awareness Week, May 15 to 21, will encourage people who are worried about dementia to confront their worries by addressing dementia directly and coming to Alzheimer's Society for information and support.

Dementia can be difficult and many people don't know where to turn, but Alzheimer's Society is here for anyone affected and there are lots of ways we can help.

There are a number of events occurring across the Black Country and these seek to engage the local community with raising awareness about dementia and improving their knowledge of the condition.

In Wolverhampton on Thursday, May 19, there will be a Dementia Friends Session in Wolverhampton Civic Centre from 10am – 1pm with local staff. Dementia Friends is a national initiative founded by Alzheimer's Society that aims to build dementia friendly communities by equipping people with a better understanding of dementia. Dementia Friends take part in an information session and emerge from it with a pledge to commit one dementia friendly act no matter how small or large it is.

There are currently over 1,500,000 Dementia Friends nationally.

In Dudley at the Station Hotel, DY1 4RA, on Wednesday, May 18, there will be an afternoon of dementia awareness raising at an event called Together for Dementia from 2pm to 4pm. This event is focusing on the local community and providing support to those post-diagnosis.

It will be adorned with live music from a ukulele band. There will be activities, a pop-up dementia café and information stands include winter warmth, home safety and fire safety.

Throughout Dementia Awareness Week there will be a fundraising initiative called Denim for Dementia where people are encouraged to wear multiple items of denim as a fun, accessible fundraising task. On Wednesday, May 18, Wolverhampton City Council will be taking up the mantle and asking staff to wear denim and take part. If you are interested in participating, please get in contact with Community Fundraiser Emma Dowler, emma.dowler@alzheimers.org.uk

Why not do something this Dementia Awareness Week to make your local community more dementia friendly?

You could become a dementia friend, volunteer with people with dementia or get your organisation involved with their local dementia action alliance.

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Mac Cock – Chief Operations Officer at CASS.

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In June our theme will be Celebrating the **Queens 90th birthday** with an indoor street party decorated with bunting, music and a buffet.

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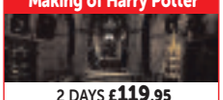

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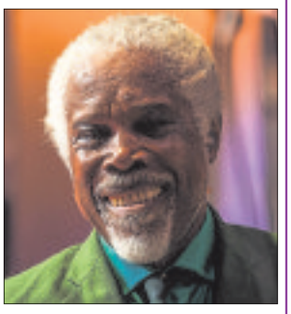

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Yuck
Tue at 8.30pm,
The Rainbow, Digbeth, Birmingham, B12 0LD.
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Brian Wilson Presents Pet Sounds
Tue at 8pm - 10pm,
Symphony Hall, Birmingham, B1 2EA.
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Frankly Sinatra: Frank Sinatra Tribute
Sun at 7.30pm,
New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, B5 4DS.
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Emma Pollock
Wed at 7pm,
O2 Academy Birmingham, B1 1DB.
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Bob Fox
Tomorrow at 7.30pm,
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, ST16 2LT. Call 01785 254653

Roxy Magic: Roxy Music Tribute
Tonight at 7pm, £8
The RoadHouse Birmingham, Kings Norton, B30 3DZ.
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Everybody Looks Famous
Tue at 6pm,
The Rainbow, Digbeth, Birmingham, B12 0LD.
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Snake Oil & Harmony: Dan Reed & Danny Vaughn
Wed at 7pm,
Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7JZ.
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Livewire: AC/DC Tribute
Tonight at 7pm,
The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RQ.
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Jam DRC
Thu at 7pm,
The RoadHouse Birmingham, Kings Norton, B30 3DZ.
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The Sessions – A Live Re-Staging Of The Beatles At Abbey Road Studios
Tonight at 8pm - 10.30pm,
Barclaycard Arena, Birmingham, B1 2AA.
Call 0121 780 4141

Manic Street Preachers
Tomorrow at 6pm,
Genting Arena, Birmingham, B40 1NT.
Call 0121 780 4141

Amped
Tomorrow at 7pm,
The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RQ.
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The Membranes
Tomorrow at 7pm,
The Flapper, Birmingham, B1 2NU.
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Lee Memphis King: One Night Of Elvis
Tonight at 7.30pm,
The Robin 2 Hotel, Bilston, WV14 7LJ.
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Buddy Holly And The Cricketers
Sun at 7.30pm, £17.50
Stafford Gatehouse Theatre, ST16 2LT.
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Andy Jordan
Tonight at 6pm - 10pm,
The Institute, Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DY.
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Landscapes
Wed at 7pm,
The Rainbow, Digbeth, Birmingham, B12 0LD.
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Magnum
Thu at 7pm - 11pm,
The Institute, Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DY.
Call 0121 643 0428

Billy Ocean
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Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, WV1 1DE.
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mac, Birmingham, B12 9QH.
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Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7JZ.
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Birmingham Town Hall, B3 3DQ.
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Tomorrow at 8pm,
O2 Academy Birmingham, B1 1DB.
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Kate Rusby
Tomorrow at 7.30pm - 10.30pm,
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Sun at 8pm,
Birmingham Town Hall, B3 3DQ.
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Moscow State Symphony Orchestra
Tomorrow at 7.30pm - 10pm,
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Call 0121 780 3333

Academy Of Ancient Music: Vivaldi In Dresden
Wed at 7.30pm,
Barber Institute of Fine Arts, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, B15 2TS.
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Andy Black
Tomorrow at 6pm,
The Institute, Digbeth, Birmingham, B5 6DY.
Call 0121 643 0428

The Ukulele Orchestra Of Great Britain: Explores The Cecil Sharp Songbook
Sun at 3pm,
Birmingham Town Hall, B3 3DQ.
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Tomorrow at 6pm - 7.30pm,
Ikon Gallery, Brindleyplace, Birmingham, B1 2HS.
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Symphony Hall, Birmingham, B1 2EA.
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mac, Birmingham, B12 9QH.
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Thu at 7.30pm, £12.50 - £45
Symphony Hall, Birmingham, B1 2EA.
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COMEDY

Hal Cruttenden: Straight Outta Cruttenden
Tomorrow at 8pm,
The Old Rep Theatre, Birmingham, B5 4DY.
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Gyles Brandreth: Word Power!
Tomorrow at 8pm,
Lichfield Garrick, Castle Dyke, WS13 6HR.
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James Veitch: Dot Con
Wed at 7pm,
The Slade Rooms, Wolverhampton, WV1 1RQ.
Call 0870 320 7000

Shazia Mirza: The Kardashians Made Me Do It
Tomorrow at 8pm,
mac, Birmingham, B12 9QH.
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Russell Kane: Right Man, Wrong Age
Wed at 8pm,
Palace Theatre, Redditch, B98 8AE.
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THEATRE

Mad About The Musicals
Tonight at 7.30pm, £23 - £24
Oakengates Theatre, Telford, TF2 6EP.
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Green Day's American Idiot
Tonight at 5pm, 8.30pm, Tomorrow at 4pm, 8pm,
New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham, B5 4DS.
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Mon at 7.30pm, Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Thu at 7.30pm,
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Birmingham Royal Ballet: Shakespeare Midscale Tour
Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 2.30pm, 7.30pm,
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Tomorrow at 7.30pm,
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Thoroughly Modern Millie
Thu at 7.30pm,
Prince Of Wales Centre, Cannock, WS11 1DE.
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CWAGMS: The Witches Of Eastwick
Tonight at 7.30pm, Tomorrow at 7.30pm,
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Tonight at 8pm, Tomorrow at 8pm,
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The Diary Of A Hounslow Girl
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The Drum, Aston on Carrant, Birmingham, B6 4UU.
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The Mousetrap
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The Naked Truth
Thu at 7.30pm,
Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury, SY3 8FT.
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Time To Shine
Tonight at 5pm, Sun at 5pm,
Oakengates Theatre, Telford, TF2 6EP.
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Invincible
Tue at 7.45pm - 10.05pm, Wed at 7.45pm - 10.05pm, Thu at 7.45pm - 10.05pm,
Birmingham Repertory Theatre, B1 2EP.
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Joseph And The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat
Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 2.30pm, 7.30pm, Thu at 2.30pm, 7.30pm,
Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, WV1 1DE. Call 01902 573320

End Of The Rainbow
Mon at 7.30pm, Tue at 7.30pm, Wed at 7.30pm,
Lichfield Garrick, Castle Dyke, WS13 6HR.
Call 01543 412121

Made Up
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Birmingham Repertory Theatre, B1 2EP.
Call 0121 236 4455

King Lear
Thu at 7.30pm,
Birmingham Repertory Theatre, B1 2EP.
Call 0121 236 4455

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Dreamcoat Joe – boy now beefcake

"IT'S sometimes hard to say no to a burger", admits X Factor winner Joe McElderry, who looks in great shape for his starring role in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Well if you're going to be stripping down to a loincloth every night a buff body is surely a prerequisite?

Although he posed topless for Gay Times Magazine earlier this year, revealing his toned torso in front of a packed audience was never on Joe's bucket list.

"It's something that takes a bit of getting used to," laughs the singer.

"I certainly didn't imagine I would be taking my top off in front of a theatre full of people each night."

Little Joe McElderry, who stole hearts when he won X Factor in 2009, has transformed from boy to beefcake. The sweet-faced 18-year-old is now 24 and looking every inch the chiselled heartthrob.

To prepare for his lead part in Joseph, which visits Wolverhampton Grand Theatre next week, Joe really upped the ante in the gym.

"I exercise on a daily basis anyway but I made my workouts a bit harder, a bit tougher. I love exercising, I find it really addictive," he says

Joseph is the star's first major theatrical role and he's been getting rave reviews. That colourful coat has been donned previously by Jason Donovan, Donny Osmond, Lee Mead and Phillip Schofield, so how has Joe made the character his own?

"Well we all have very different voices. I really wanted to make it my own. I suppose I bring a kind of pop element to it. When you're doing a concert you build on the audience reaction and participation but with something like Joseph you are playing a character. You can't break out of that, it's stricter but very enjoyable."

A buff Joe McElderry plays the Biblical Joseph in Rice and Lloyd Webber's musical

We're going to be seeing a lot of Joe in Wolverhampton. As well as Joseph, on from Tuesday to Saturday, he will be starring as Aladdin in the Grand's panto. "I can't get enough of Wolverhampton this year," he chortles.

For tickets call 01902 429212 or see www.grandtheatre.co.uk

Last dance for Antony

ANOTHER member of the chart-topping group Blue has made the transition from pop singer to musical theatre actor.

Blue star Duncan James was on stage in Wolverhampton last week, cavorting with drag queens in Priscilla Queen of the Desert at the Grand – and now band mate Antony Costa will be on the boards in Birmingham in theatre mogul Bill Kenwright's latest show celebrating the sounds of the 1960s.

Save The Last Dance For Me has been written by Birds Of A Feather duo Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran and features songs penned by the team of Doc Pomus and Mort Schuman, including A Teenager in Love, Can't Get Used to Losing You, His Latest Flame and Suspicion. It tells the story of two sisters on holiday during the summer of '63 who encounter romance at an American air force base dance hall.

Antony, who previously appeared in Blood Brothers and Boogie Nights, plays airman Milton. He says: "I got involved with the show because I really loved the music and the script. Being involved in the music industry for so long I must admit I get drawn to musicals for the songs. Not only is it a great jukebox feel-good show, it's got a great storyline.

"I do love wearing the uniform in the show! If I were to choose one of the Armed Forces to work for it would have to be the air force. I've always fancied myself as a bit of a Tom Cruise in Top Gun!"

Does he think there will ever be a musical about Blue? "Who knows? It would have to be All Rise, wouldn't it? Set in a courtroom or something," he quips.

Save The Last Dance For Me is at the New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday.

Rock bands team up for Academy gig

GIG of the week is a double bill in Birmingham featuring Irish surf/psych rockers September Girls with 'next big thing' Telegram. They will be sharing the bill at Birmingham's O2 Academy 3 on Tuesday. London-based Telegram released their debut album, Operator, this year and Dublin's September Girls recently released their latest album, Age of Indignation.

Other choice gigs include Travis at the O2 Academy tonight (Thu), while that venue has Mike Peters' reappraisal of The Alarm's Strength album on Sunday. US outfit Transviolet are at the Hare & Hounds, Kings Heath, on Sunday, where Eagulls dare on Tuesday.

Culture clash in sharp new satire

TORBEN Bett's class war comedy Invincible is coming to Birmingham Repertory Theatre as part of its first national tour.

The play about a London family who clash with neighbours in a northern town will feature Walsall actor Graeme Brookes and Kerry Bennett from TV's Casualty. It is at the Rep's Studio from Tuesday to Saturday.

There is a world premiere at Rep venue The Door when Brum-based touring theatre group present Made Up, a play about friendship between a movie star and her make-up artist. Written and directed by James Yarker, it's on from Saturday to Saturday, May 21.

At the double for pub blues sessions

A BUSY weekend for blues fans is on the way when one of the Midlands' best sessions doubles up at two Wolverhampton pubs.

The Room 4 The Blues session, run by Tim Jenks, will be taking place at the Claregate pub tomorrow (Friday) from 8pm and at the Dog And Doublet in North Street on Sunday, at 4pm.

Both sessions are free to attend and will feature Tim's band plus guest musicians.

Tim said: "We never know what is going to happen at Room 4 The Blues. Any musicians that want to have a jam are more than welcome to join us."

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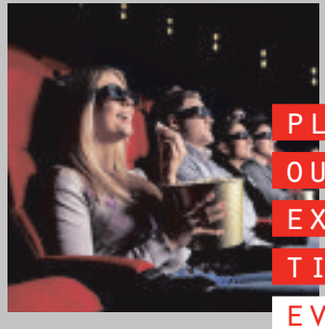

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CHOICE

Graham Norton

Eurovision Song Contest 2016
(BBC1, 8pm)
Graham Norton commentates on the 61st musical extravaganza from Sweden, who won last year with Heroes by Mans Zelmerlow. He'll be back this year, co-hosting tonight's show from the Stockholm's Globe Arena with Petra Mede. All eyes with be on Joe and Jake, who are aiming to become the first UK winners since 1997 with their song You're Not Alone. However, they are likely to face stiff competition from the 25 other countries, including Ireland's entry Nicky Byrne with his song Sunshine - that's assuming the former Westlife star has made it through last Thursday's semi-final - and the host nation's 17-year-old Frans with his upbeat ballad If I Were Sorry.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Cooks. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** The Brownlees: An Olympic Story. **1.30** Live Women's FA Cup Final. Arsenal v Chelsea (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.20** Flog It! (R) **5.10** BBC News. **5.20** Regional Programme. **5.30** Can't Touch This. Zoe Ball and Ashley Banjo present the game show in which 16 contestants are challenged to battle their way through obstacle course filled with prizes they must touch to claim.

6.20 Pointless Celebrities. New series. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman give another selection of famous faces a chance to take part in the unorthodox quiz show . This time, the pair invite past entrants in the Eurovision Song Contest to form teams and display their general knowledge, ahead the grand final of the 2016 contest, which takes place later this evening. Former winners Johnny Logan and Linda Martin join forces, while Natalie Power and Russ Spencer of ill-fated 2007 UK entry Scooch team up, Jenny Frost and Sophie McDonnell of Britain's 1998 representatives Precious form a new double-act, while certain members of legendary Eurovision success story Bucks Fizz also put their brains to the test.

7.10 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. New series. Five contestants answer questions to scoop a cash prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws, with Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace pushing the button.

8.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2016. Graham Norton commentates on the musical extravaganza from the Globe Arena in Stockholm, Sweden, where Joe and Jake are flying the flag for the UK with You're Not Alone. Subsequent programmes subject to change.

11.30 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

11.50 Peter Kay's Comedy Shuffle. Including a clip from The Ice Cream Man Cometh episode of That Peter Kay Thing. Plus, and Brian Potter and Andy Pipkin sing I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles) accompanied by an all-star cast. (R)

12.20 Film: Buster. (1988) **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. **2.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.40 Film: The Westerner. (1940) **8.15 Film:** A Walk in the Sun. (1945) **10.10** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.10** Natural World. (R) **12.00** The Hairy Bikers: Everyday Gourmets. (R) **1.00** Tom Kerridge's Proper Pub Food. (R) **1.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.05** Escape to the Continent. (R) **3.05** Money for Nothing. (R) **3.50** The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain. (R) **4.20** Bake Off: Creme de la Creme. (R) **5.20** This Week's World.

6.00 Gardeners' World. (R)

6.30 Attenborough's Passion Project: Lost Worlds, Vanished Lives. The third programmes from David Attenborough's back catalogue takes the form of extracts from a 1989 series in which he used fossils to detail the lives of extinct creatures.

7.30 Attenborough's Passion Project: Darwin's Tree of Life. David Attenborough argues that Charles Darwin's theory of evolution is now more important than ever, revealing how the scientist developed his ground-breaking ideas.

8.30 Dad's Army. Classic comedy with the Home Guard. (R)

9.00 The Hollow Crown: The Wars of the Roses – Henry VI Part II. Ben Power and Dominic Cooke's adaptation of Shakespeare's Henriad continues with the second part of Henry VI. The Wars of the Roses are well under way, and following their defeat at the battle of St Albans, the Lancastrians are forced to grant concessions to the Yorkists. King Henry negotiates to keep the crown for his lifetime, but disinherits his heir Prince Edward, much to the horror of his imperious wife Margaret. Determined to see her son on the throne, Margaret mounts a brutal assault on Plantagenet's family, decimating his dynasty, but failing to eliminate his three elder sons, Edward, George and Richard. In response, the York boys swear to avenge the murder of their father and younger brother, seeking the aid of the duplicitous Duke of Warwick as they pitch England back into bloody civil war.

11.05 Film: Margin Call. (2011) Drama, starring Kevin Spacey and Paul Bettany.

12.45 Film: The Silence. (2010) Thriller, starring Ulrich Thomsen. **2.35** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA; **12.20** ITV News; Weather.; **12.24** Regional Programme. **12.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.30** BBQ Champ. (R) **2.30 Film:** Agent Cody Banks. (2003) **4.30** The Wine Show. **5.35** Regional Programme ; Weather.**5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed! Bounces Back! Harry Hill narrates another 60-minute special edition of the comical clip show, applying his unique brand of silly, satirical commentary to a selection of hilarious hijinks captured on video by viewers at home.

7.00 Bang on the Money. Holiday camp entertainers The Hi-De-His from Somerset and The Wolf Pack from Wolverhampton aim to hit a specific target number "bang on" in physical and mental challenges.

8.00 Britain's Got Talent. The nationwide talent show reaches the penultimate round of auditions, as Ant and Dec introduce another selection of would-be stars to judges Simon Cowell, Amanda Holden, David Walliams and Alesha Dixon. Unless he finally gave in to temptation last week, Simon remains the only judge who has yet to send an act straight through to the semi-finals by pressing his Golden Buzzer. Will this week's crop of auditionees contain the perfect performance to entice him into hitting the button?

9.15 Play to the Whistle. Boxer David Haye, Dragons' Den star Peter Jones and comedienne Sara Pascoe join team captains Frank Lampard and Bradley Walsh for the sports-themed comedy panel show.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Film: The Dark Knight. (2008) Batman and his allies are pushed to their limits as criminal mastermind the Joker plunges Gotham into anarchy. Comic-book thriller sequel, with Christian Bale.

12.55 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** The King of Queens. (R) **7.00** Mobil 1 The Grid. **7.30** British Rally Championship. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.55** The Morning Line. **9.55** Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. **11.05** The Superhumans Show. **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage of the battle for pole position (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newbury and Newmarket. **4.40** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. **5.40** Homes by the Med.

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Grand Designs. After recovering from a life-threatening brain haemorrhage, Bram Vis, his wife Lisa and their two children want to build a house for sharing on a seaside plot on the Isle of Wight. Kevin McCloud follows the family's progress as they build an ambitious home complete with entertaining spaces and a swimming pool. However, the sheer scale of their project soon becomes clear when their original £850k budget spirals out of control. (R)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys. Timothy West and Prunella Scales conclude the series by travelling down the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal, accompanied by Tim's daughter and her family. The couple revisit places that hold fond memories from the early stages of their relationship, as well as looking back on the beginnings of their acting careers and putting on a performance in the church where Shakespeare is buried. Last in the series. (R)

9.00 Film: X-Men: First Class. (2011) Telepathic mutant Charles Xavier forms the first generation of the superhero team in the 1960s. Their battle with a Nazi war criminal manipulating the world toward nuclear war gradually drives a wedge between Xavier and his ally Magneto, leading them to become deadly enemies. Superhero adventure prequel, starring James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender.

11.35 Film: GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra. (2009) Action adventure, with Channing Tatum and Sienna Miller.

1.50 Hollyoaks. (R) **3.55** Supershoppers. (R) **4.50** Posh Pawnbrokers. (R) **5.45** Will & Grace. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.30** The Saturday Show Live. **11.40** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. (R) **12.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **3.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **4.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **5.10** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul and Ben face a challenging eviction in London, where a vulnerable tenant in rent arrears has barricaded her front door, and the agents receive a tirade of abuse. Meanwhile, Brian and Del chase a debt of nearly £2,000 in Surrey, before trying to recover almost £3,000 in Northamptonshire. Finally, Steve and Ru head to Portsmouth to evict a young family for a landlord who wants her property back. (R)

7.10 NCIS: Greatest Ever Episodes. The team is called to a high school on a marine base, where a pupil has taken his classmates hostage and is threatening to detonate a bomb strapped to his chest. Mark Harmon stars. (R)

8.00 NCIS: Los Angeles. Agents G Callen and Sam Hanna investigate after a naval officer is killed during an LAPD shootout, with two other men who died in the gun battle being identified as members of a Mexican drug cartel. Spin-off drama following the exploits of the Los Angeles-based Office of Special Projects, an elite NCIS division specialising in undercover assignments. (R)

9.00 NCIS. American social worker Sarah Goode is taken hostage by militants in northern Syria, and thanks to the efforts of the Navy Seals, is eventually returned home unharmed. Evidence from the incident suggests US citizen Kyle Nasry was connected to kidnapping, but when the agents traces Nasry to a rally held by a controversial imam, they are surprised to find Sarah among the attendees. Meanwhile, DiNozzo finally takes his relationship with Zoe Keates public – surprising none of his colleagues.

9.55 5 News Weekend.

10.00 Live World Championship Boxing. Lee Haskins v Ivan Morales.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Tube: Going Underground. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Doris Day: Virgin Territory **8.00** Venice **9.00** Hinterland **10.30** Dancing Cheek to Cheek: An Intimate History of Dance **11.30** Blues at the BBC **12.30** BBC Four Sessions: Bonnie Raitt **1.30** Blues America **3.30** Close

ITV2
11.00 Britain's Got Talent **12.20** Britain's Got More Talent **1.20** Catchphrase **2.05** Scorpion **3.05 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** The Scorpion King (2002) **4.50 Film:** The Smurfs (2011) **5.50** FYI Daily **5.55 Film:** The Smurfs (2011) **6.55 Film:** Back to the Future (1985) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00 Film:** Back to the Future (1985) **9.15** Britain's Got More Talent **10.15** Celebrity Juice **11.05** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.35** The Cleveland Show **2.30** @ elevenish **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.00 Film: The Mirror Crack'd (1980) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** The Mirror Crack'd (1980) **1.15 Film:** Columbo: Lovely but Lethal (1973) **2.50** Foyle's War **4.55** Midsomer Murders **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Lewis **12.05** Trial & Retribution **1.05** Northern Lights **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.30 Pawn Stars **1.45** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **3.15 Film:** Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) **4.20** FYI Daily **4.25 Film:** Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) **5.45 Film:** Diamonds Are Forever (1971) **7.00** FYI Daily **7.05 Film:** Diamonds Are Forever (1971) **8.10 Film:** Jaws: The Revenge (1987) **9.10** FYI Daily **9.15 Film:** Jaws: The Revenge (1987) **10.00 Film:** Total Recall (1990) **11.00** FYI Daily **11.05 Film:** Total Recall (1990) **12.15 Film:** Death Wish 3 (1985) **1.15** FYI Daily **1.20 Film:** Death Wish 3 (1985) **2.20** Hogan's Heroes **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
11.00 The Goldbergs **12.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.30** The Big Bang Theory **3.30 Film:** We Bought a Zoo (2011) **6.00** The Big Bang Theory: Guest Stars **11.00** The Inbetweeners **2.15** Gogglebox **3.10** Tattoo Fixers **4.00** The Inbetweeners

Film4
11.00 Winchester '73 (1950) **1.00** Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) **2.50** The Three Stooges (2012) **4.40** The Dark Crystal (1982) **6.25** Battleship (2012) **9.00** The King's Speech (2010) **11.20** Stoker (2013) **1.20** The Runaways (2010) **3.30** Close

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CHOICE

Victoria Wood

Let's Do It: A Tribute to Victoria Wood (ITV, 7.30pm)

Last month, the celebrity world and viewers alike were rocked by the death of Victoria Wood, the writer, singer and comedian who had become one of the key figures in British entertainment. Here, famous fans including Lenny Henry, Peter Kay and Alison Steadman, as well as friends and colleagues Celia Imrie, Michael Ball, David Threlfall and Anne Reid, pay tribute.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Pentecost 2016. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.45** Nature's Epic Journeys. (R) **3.45** Points of View. **4.00** Final Score. **5.15** Songs of Praise. **5.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R)

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile Spring Special. The latest rural developments, including reports on issues affecting country communities and insights into the life of the modern farmer. Including Weather For The Week Ahead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The roving team values more decorative objects and rarities belonging to the public.

9.00 Undercover. Maya's battle to clear Rudy's name is left in tatters after the death of a key witness, but she resolves to make one last stand in her fight to change the justice system for the better. However, when she finds the final piece of information that connects the two miscarriages of justice, it has devastating personal consequences. Nick pursues a last chance of redemption by helping Julia and Brady expose the powers behind the conspiracy, as he and Maya try to decide what the future holds for their family. Last in the series.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights from the final day of the Premier League season, including Chelsea v Leicester City and Newcastle United v Tottenham Hotspur. This top-flight campaign has hugely unpredictable and the concluding day could still offer some twists and turns in deciding the final places. Plus, action from Arsenal v Aston Villa, Everton v Norwich City, Manchester United v Bournemouth, Southampton v Crystal Palace, Stoke City v West Ham United, Swansea City v Manchester City, Watford v Sunderland and West Bromwich Albion v Liverpool.

12.10 Film: Texas Rangers. (2001) Western, starring James Van Der Beek and Dylan McDermott. **1.30** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 The Great Chelsea Garden Challenge. (R) **7.00** This Farming Life. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** Countryfile. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure. (R) **12.00** The Hairy Bikers: Everyday Gourmets. (R) **1.00** Athletics: Diamond League Shanghai Highlights. **2.00** Triathlon World Series: Yokohama Highlights. **3.30** Diving. **5.30** Flog It! (R)

6.00 Choose the Right Puppy for You. Part one of two. Kate Humble presents a guide to buying a dog, featuring advice from experts on how to pick one that best suits prospective owners' lifestyles and home environments. Behaviourist Louise Glazebrook is on hand to help people find the perfect puppy for them – including a family who have never had a dog before and have no idea where to start, as well as a flight attendant who is determined a big dog is right for him. (R)

7.00 Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF. The flyers attend the UK's largest air show, where the Red Arrows struggle to cope with the weather and a group of pilots reenact a Second World War 18-plane launch. (R)

8.00 Burma's Secret Jungle War with Joe Simpson. Civil unrest during a Burmese election campaign halts the mountaineer's progress, but he eventually makes it to the battlefields where his father fought during the Second World War.

9.00 Louis Theroux: A Different Brain. The reporter meets people recovering from brain injuries and the staff who treat them, discovering the challenges they face in rebuilding their lives and personalities.

10.00 QI XL. Extended edition. Josh Widdicombe, Jo Brand, Phill Jupitus and Alan Davies take part as host Stephen Fry asks a range of fiendish questions about lenses, lungs and legs. (R)

10.40 Stupid Man, Smart Phone.

11.30 Film: Rescue Dawn. (2006) A fighter pilot leads a break-out from a prison camp and makes a desperate escape through the jungle. Werner Herzog's Vietnam War drama, starring Christian Bale and Steve Zahn.

1.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.25** Holby City. (R) **3.25** This Is BBC Two. **5.45** Flog It! Trade Secrets. (R)

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **8.00** Teen Titans Go! (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Griff's Great Britain. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.05** ITV News; Weather. **12.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.15** Planet's Got Talent. (R) **1.45** Fierce. (R) **2.45** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.00 Film:** Uncle Buck. (1989) Family comedy, starring John Candy.

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.10 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special. Celebrity contestants Michael Parr, Alex Scott, Jennifer Metcalfe and Bill Turnbull answer questions and work as a team to take on the Chaser and secure a cash prize for charity.

7.30 Let's Do It: A Tribute to Victoria Wood. Last month, the celebrity world and viewers alike were rocked by the death of Victoria Wood, the writer, singer and comedian who had become one of the key figures in British entertainment. Here, famous fans including Lenny Henry, Peter Kay and Alison Steadman, as well as friends and colleagues Celia Imrie, Michael Ball, David Threlfall and Anne Reid, pay tribute.

8.35 The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration. Ant and Dec present a star-studded event celebrating the Queen's life from the Grounds of Windsor Castle, featuring archive footage exploring the key moments of her reign, and displays by more than 1500 performers and 900 horses, including members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Chilean Huasos, Azerbaijani horses and riders and Military and Commonwealth pipers. With appearances by Helen Mirren, Shirley Bassey, Kylie Minogue, Andrea Bocelli, Gary Barlow, Damian Lewis, Jess Glynne, Imelda Staunton, Jim Carter, Alfie Boe, James Blunt, Katherine Jenkins, Beverley Knight, Jennifer Saunders, Alan Titchmarsh and Martin Clunes.

11.05 ITV News; Weather.

11.25 Pop Gold. (R)

12.25 Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The King of Queens. (R) **6.35** The King of Queens. (R) **7.00** The King of Queens. (R) **7.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the fifth round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.35 Film:** Pocahontas. (1995) Disney animated drama. **5.10** Channel 4 News. **5.30** World's Weirdest Homes. (R)

7.00 Kevin McCloud's Escape to the Wild. The Grand Designs presenter sets out on a mission to find out if a simpler existence really can make people happier, beginning by travelling to a desert island in the south Pacific archipelago of Tonga to meet a British family who have quit the rat race. Karyn, Boris and their three children live in an off-grid property, with no fresh water or electricity and face regular threats from hurricanes and tsunamis. Kevin finds out how they cope with these challenges and the psychological trials of having just one another for company. (R)

8.00 Paul Merton's Secret Stations. The comedian searches for the hidden remains of china clay mines in Luxulyan, Cornwall, and visits a training site for trench warfare on the Pembrokeshire coast. He also discovers a Manchester station that only gets one train a week, and makes a final trip on the West Highland Line to a stop that is 10 miles from the nearest road. Last in the series.

9.00 Indian Summers. While Alice and Charlie prepare to leave India for good, Ralph and Aafrin make decisions about their careers. As Chotipool goes under the hammer, Cynthia is locked in a bidding war with the Sood family, but it is a fight she cannot afford. However, when violence erupts in the plains, several of the residents' lives are place in danger. Final episode of the 1930s-set drama, starring Julie Walters, Henry Lloyd-Hughes, Jemima West, Craig Parkinson and Amber Rose Revah. Last in the series.

10.00 Gogglebox. (R)

11.00 Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix Highlights.

12.10 Film: The Ghost. (2010) **2.35** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.45** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.55** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Pets. **7.10** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **8.55** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.10** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.30** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.25** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **12.30 Film:** Primates of the Caribbean. (2012) Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Jason J Lewis. **2.00 Film:** Surf's Up. (2007) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jeff Bridges. **3.35 Film:** Beverly Hills Chihuahua. (2008) Comedy, with the voice of Drew Barrymore. **5.15 Film:** Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2. (2013) Premiere. Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Bill Hader.

7.00 Penguin A&E with Lorraine Kelly. Cameras follow the presenter and staff at South Africa's penguin emergency department, including vet Natasha who is faced with a patient with a fish hook in its stomach. (R)

8.00 Beaver Las Vegas: Saving The Strip. Documentary charting the efforts of a small team of eco-engineers who hope to harness and adapt the methods of beavers to prevent water shortages in North America's western states. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Film: 21 Jump Street. (2012) Cops Schmidt and Jenko hated each other when they were at school together, but have grown up to become friends. They are forced to relive the horrors of their adolescence when their captain decides their youthful appearance makes them the perfect undercover agents to crack a high-school drug ring. Comedy inspired by the 1980s TV series, with Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum. Edited for language.

11.10 Film: My Super Ex-Girlfriend. (2006) An insecure superhero is outraged at being dumped by her boyfriend, and in revenge uses her powers to make his life a misery. Fantasy comedy, starring Uma Thurman and Luke Wilson.

12.55 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Yorkshire Vet. (R) **4.00** Great Scientists. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 BBC Young Musician 2016 Grand Final **9.15** The Silk Road **10.15** Cleopatra: Portrait of a Killer **11.15** Guts: The Strange and Wonderful World of the Human Stomach **12.15** Natural World Special: Attenborough's Ark **1.15** Horizon: Are We Still Evolving? **2.15** The Silk Road **3.15** Redefining Juliet **4.00** Close

ITV2

12.45 Catchphrase **1.30** The Hot Desk: Nathan Sykes **1.45 Film:** Kangaroo Jack (2003) **2.45** FYI Daily **2.50 Film:** Kangaroo Jack (2003) **3.30 Film:** The Smurfs (2011) **4.30** FYI Daily **4.35 Film:** The Smurfs (2011) **5.35** Britain's Got Talent **6.55** Britain's Got More Talent **8.00 Film:** Quantum of Solace (2008) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05 Film:** Quantum of Solace (2008) **10.10** Family Guy **12.10** American Dad! **1.10** The Cleveland Show **2.05** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3

12.40 Foyle's War **2.40 Film:** Columbo: Double Exposure (1973) **4.20 Film:** Calamity Jane (1953) **5.25** FYI Daily **5.30 Film:** Calamity Jane (1953) **6.30** Richard Wilson on the Road **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Ghostboat **11.35 Film:** Out of Sight (1998) **12.40** FYI Daily **12.45 Film:** Out of Sight (1998) **1.55** Blue Murder **2.45** May the Best House Win **4.30** On the Buses **5.20** Judge Judy **5.45** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

3.30 Film: Death of a Gunfighter (1969) **4.20 Film:** Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) **5.35** FYI Daily **5.40 Film:** Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) **6.50** The Wine Show **7.55** River Monsters **9.00 Film:** Collateral Damage (2002) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Collateral Damage (2002) **11.10 Film:** Crank (2006) **12.10** FYI Daily **12.15 Film:** Crank (2006) **1.00** River Monsters **2.00** Hell on Wheels **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

1.35 Couples Come Dine with Me **2.35** The Big Bang Theory **4.00 Film:** Leap Year (2010) **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.05** The 100 **1.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.00** Rush Hour **2.45** How I Met Your Mother **3.35** Hollyoaks

Film4

1.00 Casper (1995) **3.00** Porridge (1979) **4.50** St Trinian's (2007) **6.50** X-Men (2000) **8.55** X-Men: Apocalypse Interview Special **9.00** Ted (2012) **11.05** Unfaithful (2002) **1.30** 127 Hours (2010)

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Die Another Day, ITV, 11.10pm

James Bond is suspended from duty after being taken hostage in North Korea, but goes against orders to track down those who betrayed him. Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Toby Stephens, Judi Dench and John Cleese. (2002)

TUESDAY

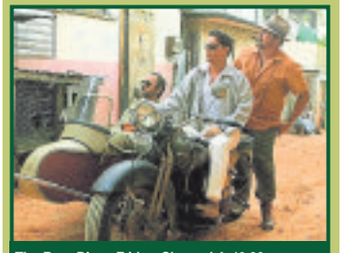
Rosamunde Pilcher's Summer, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman returns to her ex-husband's stately home after years away in a bid to solve the riddle of her daughter's suicide. But as romance blossoms with one member of the household, the schemes of the master of the house threaten everyone's happiness. Romantic drama, starring Senta Berger, Michael York, Tom Conti and Frank Finlay. (2008)

WEDNESDAY

Love Happens, Channel 4, 1.25am

A self-help guru goes on a lecture tour after his wife's death, offering advice on how to cope with grief. However, when he falls in love he begins to realise he has yet to confront his own loss. Romantic drama, starring Aaron Eckhart and Jennifer Aniston. (2009)



The Rum Diary, Friday, Channel 4, 12.30am

THURSDAY

False Pretences, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman's life is left in tatters when her wealthy husband kills himself after being conned out of millions by his best friend. Seeking to escape the painful memories, she leaves town and takes a job in a diner – where she plots to get revenge on the man she blames for her husband's suicide. Thriller, starring Peta Wilson and Stewart Bick. (2004)

FRIDAY

The Rum Diary, Channel 4, 12.30am

A New York journalist tires of America in the early 1960s, and relocates to Puerto Rico, where he works for a local paper and throws himself into the decadent local lifestyle. His obsession with a woman who has also arrived from the States leads to him getting mixed up in the corrupt dealings of her property tycoon fiance. Comedy drama based on Hunter S Thompson's novel, starring Johnny Depp. (2011)

Finding life as a nanny is not all child's play

For those who were brought up during the 1980s, it doesn't seem like that long ago.

However, it was a different world, one in which children felt self to play out after school with their mates, a maximum of four TV channels existed, videos were only just getting off the ground, the internet was unheard of and shoulder pads were all the rage.

Nina Stibbe was just making her way into the world at that time. In 1982, she turned 20 and decided to make the big move from her family home in Leicester to the bright lights of London – or Camden, at least.

Nina landed a job as the nanny to two lively young boys, brothers Joe and Max, the offspring of film and TV director Stephen Frears and his former wife Mary-Kay Wilmers, the American-born co-founder of the London Review of Books; it was into Wilmers' household that she moved.

Around 30 years later, Stibbes compiled a book about her experiences of living there, a time that brought her into contact with such glitterati as Alan Bennett and Jonathan Miller, both of whom were neighbours – at the time, she had an inkling they were famous, but had no idea what for.

The book, Love, Nina: Despatches from Family Life, features the letters she wrote to her sister about her 'glamorous' new life, and became an instant hit, winning the Non-fiction Book of the Year category at the prestigious National Book Awards in 2014.

Now it's been turned into a five-part drama by Nick Hornby – his first project for the small screen – who fell in love with the story when the tome was first published.

"Nina Stibbe's book Love, Nina has already established itself as a much-loved piece of comic writing and I love it," says Hornby.

"Her observations and worldview were the inspiration for a show that we think captures the same spirit. It's been a joy to write and we're thrilled with the quality of our cast."

Rather than being a straight adaptation, Hornby has taken the essence of the story and turned it into a fictionalised tale, with names changed and situations altered. However, it still retains the flavour of Stibbe's experiences and offers an insight into life on a cultured corner of north London during the 1980s.

It has an excellent cast too, headed by Helena Bonham Carter. She isn't known for taking on serial TV dramas, but was clearly impressed by the script; filming probably allowed her to stay close to her family home in London too.

The opening episode introduces us to Nina, played by Faye Marsay, when she is interviewed by George (Bonham Carter) for the position of nanny at her home in Gloucester Crescent.

It's there that she meets the two boys, Max and Joe, who will become the centre of her universe over the coming months, although it soon becomes clear that Nina may have exaggerated her skills as a help around the home…

Jason Watkins, Ethan Rouse, Harry Webster and Josh McGuire are among the supporting cast.

Faye Marsay stars in Love, Nina, Friday, BBC1, 9.30pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

The Great British Sewing Bee

BBC2, 9pm

A few dedicated fans were beginning to wonder if this much-loved show had been axed – its winner has usually been crowned by this point in the year. But all good things come to those who wait, and so Claudia Winkleman takes charge of the fourth series of the amateur sewing competition. Patrick Grant also returns as a judge, but his usual cohort, May Martin, won't be joining him – she's been replaced by Esme Young, co-founder of fashion label Swanky Modes. They will cast their expert eyes over the work of 10 hopefuls who face three challenges.

Upstart Crow

BBC2, 10pm

Will's controversial new play is about to be presented to Queen Elizabeth, but it goes missing and the finger of suspicion points to his best friend and fellow author Kit Marlowe. The playwright has to scramble desperately to come up with a way to recover his stolen masterpiece, though given its politically sensitive content, is he really wise to want it back? Ben Elton's comedy about William Shakespeare's family life and his professional career, starring David Mitchell as the Bard.

TUESDAY

Marcella

ITV, 9pm

After seven weeks of nail-biting tension and excellent performances from the likes of Anna Friel, Jamie Bamber and Harry Lloyd, The Bridge creator Hans Rosenfeldt's crime drama comes to a Earth-shattering climax tonight. The identity of the killer is finally revealed, which sends shockwaves through the entire team.

Leicester's Impossible Dream - Gary Lineker's Story of the 2015/16 Premier League Season

BBC1, 10.45pm

The Match of the Day host looks back at an astonishing campaign in the top flight, which saw 5,000/1 outsiders Leicester City defy all expectations and pick up their first-ever title. The Foxes began the season as one of the favourites for relegation, and their appointment of former Chelsea boss Claudio Ranieri to replace the sacked Nigel Pearson was seen as uninspiring by many critics. However, the charismatic Italian brought a swashbuckling style of play to the team.

Upstart Crow, Monday, BBC2, 10pm

WEDNESDAY

Deepcut: Behind the Barbed Wire

BBC2, 9pm

As the inquest delivers its verdict into the death of young soldier Cheryl James, former soldiers who served alongside her at the notorious Deepcut barracks speak for the first time.

James was found dead from a bullet wound to her head in November 1995, and was one of four recruits to die at the base in seven years. The documentary hears what life is really like behind the barbed wire, including the culture of bullying and physical and sexual abuse.

THURSDAY

Paxman in Brussels: Who Really Rules Us?

BBC1, 8pm

With the referendum looming, some of us still have questions we'd like addressing about what actually goes on between the EU and UK – and who better to get the answers for us than Jeremy Paxman? In this documentary, he's heading to the EU's headquarters in Brussels to learn more about how the decisions that affect half a billion people – including the resident of the UK – are made. Back in Britain, he looks at how Westminster's politics have been shaped by our relationship with Europe, and why the concept of 'sovereignty' has become so integral to the debate surrounding the referendum. Paxman also hears a range of opinions on whether or not the UK should remain within the union, and asks how our relationship with Europe might change whether we stay or we go.

FRIDAY

The Secret

ITV, 9pm

Seeing Matthew's death as God's full and final punishment for his past sins, Colin convinces himself that God will now allow him to prosper. However, when he loses all his money in a financial scam and his second wife Kyle threatens to leave him, he offers a full confession to the church and police. When Hazel later pleads her innocence, Colin agrees to appear as a key witness for the prosecution, determined to take her down with him. Drama, starring James Nesbitt, Genevieve O'Reilly and Katherine Kingsley. Last in the series.

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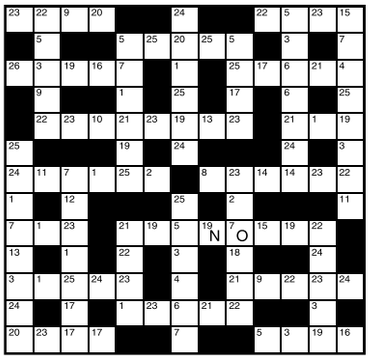

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

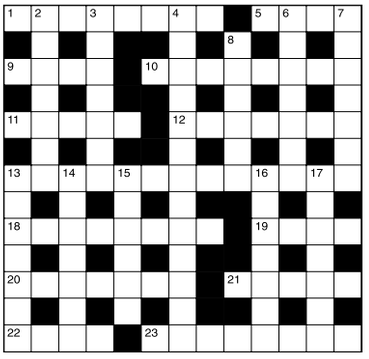
Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Game to set kilts swirling? (8)
5. Shape of a seat (4)
9. Anyone in it is out (4)
10. What the bride says afterwards won't be in church! (8)
11. Wild geese? It's just a yarn! (5)
12. Weak, and liable to get the wind-up? (3,4)
13. Hit-or-miss affair indicating a wrongful conviction? (5,3,5)
18. Mollified five hundred with sausage mash! (8)
19. A smack on the wrist (4)
20. He has main control (7)
21. Their families are their pride (5)
22. Ride past (4)
23. Beached and abandoned (8)

Down

2. The sort of critic who strikes? (7)
3. Female Russian artisan, perhaps (7)
4. An ordeal for the patient? (9,4)
6. Excel or finish with such sports (7)
7. He may live for weeks on water (7)
8. Not a cutting look! (6)
13. Unusual terrain for a coach (7)
14. Having poor taste (7)
15. The length an association will go to (6)
16. Disturbance in court, perhaps (7)
17. Misdemeanour of a receiver (7)



Quick Clues:

Across

1. Supplement (8)
5. Cure (4)
9. Worry (4)
10. Plan of campaign (8)
11. Change (5)
12. Titular (7)
13. Unusually (13)
18. Abash (8)
19. Dispatch (4)
20. Distinctive (7)
21. Started (5)
22. Uninteresting (4)
23. Due proportion (8)

Down

2. Puzzle (7)
3. Outermost (7)
4. On purpose (13)
6. Everlasting (7)
7. Faithfulness (7)
8. Non-professional (6)
13. Released from obligation (7)
14. Solidify (7)
15. Gain (6)
16. Stern (7)
17. Listlessness (7)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

5	2	9	1	3	7	4	8	6
8	4	1	9	5	6	2	3	7
3	7	6	2	8	4	1	5	9
2	6	7	4	1	5	3	9	8
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9	1	4	8	7	2	5	6	3
7	8	5	3	6	1	9	4	2
6	3	2	5	4	9	8	7	1

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Static; 4 Astray; 9 Preoccupation; 10 Overrun; 11 Irene; 12 Hoops; 14 Baths; 18 Stair; 19 Artiste; 21 Goes overboard; 22 Steams; 23 Co-heir. Down: 1 Siphon; 2 An eye for an eye; 3 Incur; 5 Stamina; 6 Raise the Stake; 7 Yankee; 8 Burns; 13 Perform; 15 Usages; 16 Names; 17 Tender; 20 Taboo. QUICK - Across: 1 Quiver; 4 Censor; 9 Expostulation; 10 Strayed; 11 Patio; 12 Build; 14 Repel; 18 Robot; 19 Riposte; 21 Embarrassment; 22 Treble; 23 Reason. Down: 1 Queasy; 2 Imperturbable; 3 Essay; 5 Example; 6 Shiftlessness; 7 Random; 8 Guide; 13 Literal; 15 Priest; 16 Broad; 17 Beaten; 20 Paste.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Who was Spandau's last prisoner?
2. What is the largest of the Society Islands?
3. Which illness is also known as pertussis?
4. Which sport holds the Super Bowl contest?
5. Which superhero made his debut in Action Comics in 1938?
6. Which organ is affected by otitis?
7. Who was Ptolemy XVI's mother?
8. Of which bird is Meleagris gallopavo the domestic variety?
9. Which comedy was the first British film to break the £20m box office barrier?
10. Which sport was devised by William G Morgan in 1895?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Joanna Lumley; 2 Arizona; 3 Caesar; 4 Yarrow; 5 Knot; 6 Boris Pasternak; 7 New Zealand; 8 Ray Reardon; 9 Mount Erebus; 10 Grape.

Niner: HECTORING

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

4125 gives a relative,
6713 gives a friend,
9842 gives a clergyman.

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Just the beginning – the tandoori king prawns were plump

The bright stuff – chicken tikka masala

Chop chop – the tandoori lamb chops

Pictures by Steve Leath

Proving popular – the Penn Tandoori

Spice is right with combination of flavours that really hit the spot

THAT'S the best curry I've had in a long time," declared my sister. "The service was excellent," stated my eight-going-on-18 niece.

While my five-year-old nephew, who is the fussiest eater I've ever known, cleaned his plate.

And that, my friends, is testament enough to the fantastic meal we had at Penn Tandoori recently. In the history of writing these reviews I could probably count the number of five star ratings on one hand, but Penn Tandoori, at 272 Penn Road, Wolverhampton, is deserving of every bit of praise because it was faultless.

We arrived on a Monday evening during the Easter school holidays, and were pretty much banging on the door at 6pm we were so hungry.

I arrived late, but my sister and her children were already seated, coats kindly hung up for them and menus in hand.

Lisa Wright tucks in

The restaurant was quiet at this stage – we were the first through the door – but gradually through the evening it began to get busier, with a mix of couples and a few of the large tables that appeared to be celebrating birthdays. And when a restaurant is busy on a traditionally quiet Monday, that's always a good sign in my book.

Inside, the decor is nothing to scream about, but the environment is comfortable and relaxed. There's a small welcome area with a sofa and coffee table as you walk in, and as you are led into the restaurant it is surprisingly roomy, with a fully-licensed bar stocking a wide range of beers, wines and spirits.

It looks unfussy and classic with leather chairs, cream tablecloths, mint green walls, neat black napkins and a few ornaments here and there. Ultimately it is a classic venue.

We ordered soft drinks for the kids and a bottle of wine for the grown-ups while we looked through the menu, which has a great mix of classic dishes and some splendid-sounding specials.

Munched

As we were deciding what to order, we munched through a mountain of crisp popadoms which came with various dips.

The menu was full of tempting offerings, particularly on the chef's specials menu, such as the chicken capsila – boneless tandoori chicken, cooked with ginger, herbs and green chilli, while the Penn special salmon was also tempting; a salmon dish served with traditional beans and garlic.

The menu also had all the classic offerings such as bhunas, pathias, madras and korma dishes, which gave the option of being vegetable, meat or prawn dishes. And if you don't fancy just one dish, you can also go for a combination option.

Suggestions include chicken korma with chicken bhuna, chicken jalfrezi and lamb balti along with chicken dansak and chicken dupiaza – perfect for those who can't make up their minds! There are also plenty of vegetable and side dishes.

Our food was delicious – my notoriously picky nephew showing off his clean plate with pride after his meal was proof of that.

The service was friendly and relaxed. And if that didn't win us over, the rose each of us three girls was given at the end of the night guaranteed we left with a smile on our faces. The bill came to just over £75, including a bottle of wine, worth every penny.

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This three storey, four-bedroomed semi-detached property in Priory Avenue, Rugeley, on Hawkesyard, has spacious and flexible accommodation and a garage and good-sized rear garden.

Beautifully presented throughout, and having high-quality fittings and fixtures, it is for sale through JR Properties at £204,950.

It has the added benefit of two bathrooms, a lounge and a breakfast kitchen.

In more detail, on the ground floor it has an entrance hall with a useful under-stairs cupboard, a guest WC, a breakfast kitchen with a range of wall and base mounted units with work surfaces over.

There is a built-in electric oven with gas bob and extractor over, an integrated dishwasher, space with plumbing for a washing machine and further appliance space and tiled flooring.

The lounge has French doors with windows to the side leading to the rear garden.

Off the first floor landing is bedroom two which overlooks the rear, bedroom four which also overlooks the rear, and bedroom three which overlooks the frontage.

Useful

These bedrooms are served by a family bathroom including a panelled bath with a shower attachment, pedestal hand wash basin and low-level WC.

The second-floor accommodation comprises the master bedroom with built-in wardrobes, loft access and useful storage to the eaves, a Velux window and a window to the front.

This bedroom is served by an en-suite shower room with a walk-on shower cubicle, pedestal hand wash basin and low-level WC and Velux window.

The enclosed rear garden has a decked seating area leading to lawn with borders.

The frontage has a driveway providing parking and leading to a garage.

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PROPERTY

Immaculately presented and imposing home is located on corner plot and has a loft room

On an extensive plot, this immaculately presented and imposing three-bedroom detached property on a generous corner plot in Ravenscroft Road, Willenhall, lies in the popular Pool Hayes area.

WILLENHALL
£259,995

For sale through L&S Prestige Estates at £259,995 the detached property comprises an entrance hallway, a through lounge, a spacious kitchen/diner, a ground floor WC, three double bedrooms, a family bathroom and a loft room.

The property also benefits from having double glazing, gas central heating, a double garage, off-road parking to the fore and a mature extensive rear garden with double gates allowing vehicular access to a generous paved yard suitable for a variety of uses.

The size of the garden lends itself to building plot potential, subject to planning permissions.

In more detail it has a block paved driveway, an entrance hall with laminate flooring, under-stairs storage, the re-fitted ground floor WC and stairs off. The lounge has an inset modern feature gas fire, with a brushed stainless steel shelf, a bay window and French doors to the rear and laminate flooring.

The generous kitchen/diner has a comprehensive range of units.

The loft room has a pull down ladder and is a useful hobby room.

Vehicular access is available from Magnolia Close to the head of the garden which has a generous hard standing area ideal for extra parking.

One-bedroom unfurnished second-floor apartment comes with a modern open plan lounge/kitchen

This one-bedroom unfurnished second-floor apartment within The Waves development in Walsall town centre, is available to rent through Redstones at £490 pcm.

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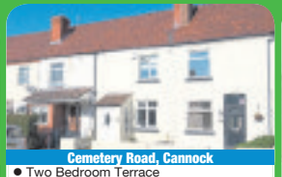

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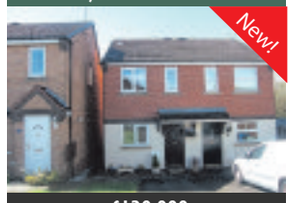
Huntington Terrace Road Cannock

- End Terraced House
- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom & Guest WC
- Garden & Parking
- EPC = C

Primrose Meadow Heath Hayes



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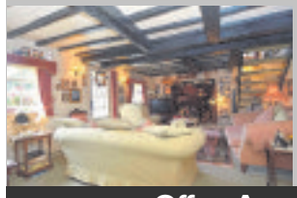
- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room,
- Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = TBC

Mount Avenue Hednesford

£115

- Three Bedroom Se
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Dining Roo
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- EPC = E

Cooks Bank, Acton Trussell



Offers Around£350,000

This traditional cottage is located in the popular village of Acton Trussell in the south of Stafford. The property is full of charm and will appeal to those wishing for the peaceful lifestyle the village presents. Set on an elevated plot, allowing wonderful views, the accommodation on the ground floor includes lounge, dining room, galley style kitchen, utility room, and cloakroom. The first floor offers master bedroom with en suite, three further bedrooms and family bathroom. The property has gardens to the front and one side of the property with a gravelled drive and central pedestrian path. The rear garden is terraced. A double garage offers secured parking and storage. EPC = E

St. James Place Norton Green Lane

£120,000

- Two Bedroom Modern Apartment
- Allocated Parking & Visitors spaces
- Open Plan living Room
- Fitted Kitchen Area
- Secure Communal Entrance
- EPC = B

Pye Green Road Cannock

£135

- Semi Detached Ho
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = F

Pye Green Road Cannock

£220,000

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Open Plan Lounge / Dining Room
- Garage & Ample Off Road Parking
- EPC = TBA

Stafford Road Huntington

Guide price £60,000

- Auction T&C s Apply
- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & 1st Floor Bathroom
- Off Road Parking & Rear Garden
- EPC = D

Fremantle Drive Heath Hayes

£185,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- En Suite To Master
- Lounge With Dining Area
- Enclosed Garden To Rear
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC = TBA

Orchard Close Penkridge

£165

- Three Bedroom Te
- Kitchen Diner & Lo
- Gas C/Heating & D
- Popular Location
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = TBA

Condor Grove Heath Hayes

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC = TBA

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Robins Croft
Heath Hayes

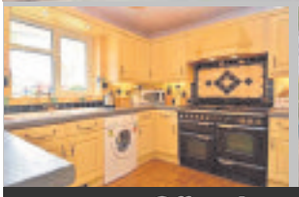
£225,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Popular Residential Estate
- Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility, Guest WC
- Garage & Parking
- EPC = C

Pear Tree Close
Huntington

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Views of Fields To Rear
- Lounge & Dining Area
- Well Presented Throughout
- EPC = TBA

Dunlin Drive, Featherstone



Offers Around£180,000

Set upon a modern estate within Featherstone, this bungalow is unique to the development. Noted for its restyled kitchen and detached position with a pleasant rear garden, main Motorway and road network links are located within easy reach. The properties front garden is well established with planting borders and fence and gate enclosing. Driveway leads to detached rear garage and in brief the internal living comprises of entrance hall, two bedrooms (master bedroom having fitted wardrobes), lounge/ diner with bay window overlooking front aspect, refitted kitchen with free standing five ring gas hob having cooker hood over. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. EPC = D

£,000

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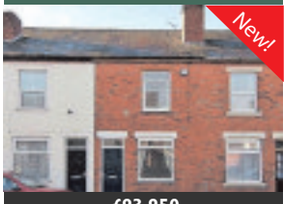
Broad Lane
Bloxwich



£93,950

- Mid Terraced House
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Off Street Parking
- EPC = D

Strathmore Place, Cannock

£280,000

Detached Bungalow in a Cul De Sac set back from the road and positioned away from traffic. Driveway to the front leads along side a front garden and up to the entrance porch. All bedrooms are set to one side of the property and the day to day living accommodation to the other. Comprising; Entrance Hall, Reception Room, Living Room, fitted kitchen and verandah. All three bedrooms are of ample size to accommodate a double bed and the family bathroom is also of generous proportion. The utility and storage room set the to back of the garage completes the accommodation. A patio extends from the rear of the property to the main lawn. EPC = TBA

£,000

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Double Glazed

Barn Way
Wimblebury

£240,000

- Four Bedroom Executive Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- En Suite To Master
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway For Two Cars
- EPC = C

Cannock Road
Chase Terrace

Guide price £155,000

- Auction T&C's Apply
- Three Bed Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = D

Denbury Close
Heath Hayes

£165,000

- Four Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking to Front
- EPC = TBA

Heath Way
Heath Hayes

- Mid Terraced House
- Two Bedrooms
- Well Presented Throughout
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Driveway To Rear
- EPC = TBA

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£210,000

BRACKEN WAY
RUGELEY

A refurbished semi-detached property offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen. First Floor landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Large driveway to side leading to Single Garage. Enclosed Garden to rear. EPC RATING - D

£144,995

THE LINDENS
RUGELEY

A modern End Terrace three storey house with NO CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Garage Conversion/Study and Kitchen/Diner. First Floor Landing, Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Second Floor Landing with Master Bedroom and en-suite. Driveway with Off Road Parking and Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - B

£157,500

HURSTBOURNE CLOSE
ETCHINGHILL

Positioned in a popular area within close proximity to the local schools. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Side Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Conservatory. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Covered Carport leading to SINGLE GARAGE. Garden to rear. EPC RATING TBC

£146,950

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BRERETON

The School House was built circa 1850 by the Church Authorities . In need of modernisation and upgrade the property. Gas central heating. Side Entrance Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen area and downstairs Bathroom. First Floor Landing with Three Good Sized Bedrooms. Enclosed driveway to side with mature gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - F

£175,000

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BREWERY COTTAGES
RUGELEY

Spacious semi detached property in popular location comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with some appliances. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garage. Gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING TBC

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RUGELEY

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£157,950

HAGLEY ROAD
RUGELEY

Detached Dormer Bungalow positioned within walking distance to the town centre. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Downstairs Bedroom and Bathroom, First Floor Landing with Bedroom Two and useful store room. Extensive gardens to rear with outbuilding/workshop. VIEWING ESSENTIAL TO APPRECIATE THE PLOT. EPC RATING - D

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£90,000

TRENT VIEW
RUGELEY

Trent View is a 1930's traditional detached property situated within walking distance to the town centre. Ideally located for the local schools. Enclosed Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Sun Room, Fitted Kitchen and Utility Room. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and staircase to Attic Storage. Large gardens. Driveway with off-road parking. Detached Garage. EPC RATING - E

£274,995

LION STREET
RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this three bedroomed townhouse. In need of further upgrade and refurbishment. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lean-to and Downstairs WC. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Large Bathroom. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Garden to rear. EPC RATING - E

£105,000

ANEURIN BEVAN PLACE
RUGELEY

A three bedroomed family home positioned within walking distance to the local schools. Gas Centrally Heated and mostly UPVC double-glazed. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and separate WC. Garden to front. Garage to rear with small patio area. EPC RATING - D

£95,000

ST MICHAELS DRIVE
BRERETON

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NO UPWARD CHAIN. Detached family home. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen, First Floor Landing. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Large Drive ample Off Road Parking. Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - B

£160,000

ARCH STREET
RUGELEY

An upgraded townhouse ideally positioned for the town centre. Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN the property benefits from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Dining Room, Lounge, extended Breakfast Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Two Double Bedrooms and spacious Bathroom. Landscaped garden to rear. EPC RATING - TBC

£124,995

WINDSOR CLOSE
RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN this modern end terraced property benefits from Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Porch, Lounge, Inner Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Two Good Size Bedrooms and Bathroom. Garden to front and rear. Two allocated parking spaces. EPC RATING - TBC

£127,500

MAIN ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD

A unique opportunity to purchase this fine example of a Georgian property set in the heart of this popular village. Originally built as an ale-house and inn, it is presently run by the Vendors as a Village Shop to the front part, however there is planning permission to convert the property for full residential use. Viewing is essential. EPC RATING - E

£599,950

STATION ROAD
RUGELEY

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN, this end terraced two bedroomed property is ideally located within walking distance to the town centre and Trent Valley train station. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Lobby, Downstairs Bathroom. First Floor Landing and Two Double Bedrooms. Garden to Rear. EPC RATING - E

£105,000

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EASTBUTTS ROAD, ETCHINGHILL

Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Downstairs Shower Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Extended Kitchen and Sun Room. First Floor Landing with Two Large Bedrooms with one having an en-suite Bathroom, Family Bathroom. Second Floor Landing Two Large Bedrooms and Shower Room. Established Gardens and Covered Carport. EPC RATING - C

£430,000

**GREEN LANE
RUGELEY**

A three bedroomed detached bungalow located within walking distance to the town centre and local amenities. Ideally located for local bus routes and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms and Large Bathroom. Detached Garage. Garden to front and Rear. EPC RATING -D

£189,950

**MARTLIN LANE
COLTON**

Delightful terraced cottage in village location comprises of Kitchen, Guest WC, Lounge with feature fire. Two double Bedrooms. Bathroom with shower. Garden to rear. Garage and parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.
NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating G

Deposit £829.00

£599 pcm

**EATON DRIVE
RUGELEY**

A modern first floor apartment, GCH/DG. Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B

DEPOSIT £594

£495 pcm

WESTBUTTS ROAD, ETCHINGHILL

Traditional detached with open aspect to rear. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Downstairs Wet Room, Lounge,Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen and Inner Lobby leading to Annexe with Wet Room and Open plan Living Area. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Further Stairs to Attic Bedroom. Off Road Parking and Gardens. EPC RATING - D

£355,000

**SALISBURY CLOSE
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**NORWOOD HOUSE
ETCHINGHILL**

Two bedroomed second floor flat in sought after location. Entrance hall, spacious Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Two bedrooms and Bathroom with shower. Electric Heating. Parking at rear
NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating E

DEPOSIT £706

£510 pcm

**UPPER BROOK STREET
RUGELEY**

2nd floor flat with feature beams. Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen with appliances. One Bedroom with built in wardrobes. Shower room. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. EPC Rating - C
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating B

DEPOSIT £644

£450 pcm

**FORTESCUE LANE
RUGELEY**

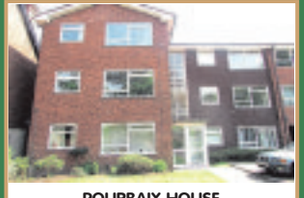
A spacious detached three bedroomed bungalow in a sought after location offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC double-glazing. Through Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen. Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Single Garage and Off Road Parking. Gardens to Front and Rear.
EPC RATING - D

£240,000

**JOHNSON CLOSE
RUGELEY**

A three bedroomed end terraced having UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Enclosed Porch, Lounge, Dining Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Off-road parking.
EPC RATING - D

£116,500



**POURBAIX HOUSE
LICHFILED**

First floor flat with security entrance system in town centre location, comprising of Entrance Hall, Lounge, re-fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated Parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED
NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating D

DEPOSIT £795

£575 pcm

**CANTERBURY DRIVE
RUGELEY**

Well presented ground floor apartment in popular location comprising of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances. One Double Bedroom with fitted wardrobes. Bathroom. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS.

DEPOSIT £580

£420 pcm

**TALBOT STREET
RUGELEY**

Offered with NO UPWARD chain is this spacious family home positioned on a large corner plot. Double-Glazed and Gas Centrally Heated. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Utility Room. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and spacious Bathroom. Gardens to front, sides and rear. Detached Single Garage with ample off-road parking. EPC RATING - E

£242,500

**CANTERBURY DRIVE
RUGELEY**

First floor PART FURNISHED Apartment. Entrance Hall,Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances, One Double Bedroom and Bathroom. Electric storage heaters. Allocated Parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.
NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC RATING C

DEPOSIT £609

£440 pcm

**REDBROOK LANE
BRERETON**

Spacious semi detached property. Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining room, Kitchen with some appliances. Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Garden to rear. Off road parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. PETS CONSIDERED. EPC Rating - D

DEPOSIT £740

£535 pcm

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- Two bedrooms
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- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£154,950

88 DARTMOUTH AVENUE, CANNOCK

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTERWAR PERIOD
In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Lounge/dining area
- Refitted kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Extensive off road parking
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (48)

£215,000 FREEHOLD

11A QUEEN STREET, HIGHTOWN, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Very Convenient Popular Position Close To Facilities and Railway Station at Hednesford Town Centre

- Reception hall and cloakroom with WC
- Lounge and dining room
- Double glazed conservatory
- Refitted breakfast kitchen and utility room
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and refitted bathroom
- Integral garage and well stocked gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (68)

£249,950 FREEHOLD

PLOT 8 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED NEWLY BUILT MID MEWS HOUSE BUILT TO A HIGH SPECIFICATIONConveniently Located In Private Drive For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Entrance hall and cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (84)

£137,950 FREEHOLD

18 TUDOR WAY, CHESLYN HAY

NEW PRICE NO CHAIN

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED WELL EQUIPPED FAMILY RESIDENCELocated In Sought After Cul-De-Sac

- Lounge & family room
- Dining room & games room
- Dining kitchen & utility room
- Cloakroom with wc
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suite shower rooms
- Family bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating: D (62)

£425,000 FREEHOLD

PINE LODGE, 2 HIGH PARK, STAFFORD

IMPROVED AND EXTENDED FLEXIBLE FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OF CONSIDERABLE CHARACTER
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- Four bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Two receptions rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Utility/rear porch
- Detached garage
- Gardens and secure parking for caravan, boat etc
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating E (46)

£345,000 FREEHOLD

40 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING SELF CONTAINED FLAT SUITABLE FOR EXTENDED FAMILY OCCUPYING MATURE WELL STOCKED GARDENS EXTENDING TO 0.4 OF AN ACRE LOCATED IN MUCH SOUGHT AFTER RESIDENTIAL AREA OF THE TOWN ADJOINING CANNOCK PARK TO THE REAR

- Canopy Porch
- Reception Hall
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Inner Hall
- Utility Room
- Cloakroom with WC
- Play/Hobby/Games Room
- Central Landing
- Five Bedrooms
- Ensuite Bedroom
- Ensuite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Integral Double Width Garage
- Extensive Mature Landscaped Gardens
- Inspection Essential
- Self Contained Flat Incorporating Landing
- Lounge/Kitchen Area
- Bedroom
- Shower Room
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Fully Double Glazed
- Intruder Alarm

PRICE £645,000 : FREEHOLD

15 STEPHENSON WAY, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Located in Cul-De-Sac
Conveniently located for Wide Range of Facilities at Hednesford Town Centre

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted ensuite shower room
- Refitted bathroom
- Garage and gardens
- [Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (58)

£169,950 FREEHOLD

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Living Accommodation

- Central Reception Hall
- Inner Hall
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Double Bedrooms (Ground Floor)
- Two En-Suite Shower Rooms
- Family Bathroom
- Games/Family/Snooker Room
- Landing
- Bedroom Four (First Floor)
- Built-On Double Width Garage
- Ornamental Gardens
- In And Out Drive
- Gas (LPG) Central Heating
- Fully Double Glazed
- Intruder Alarm

Garden Centre

- Established Business
- Modern Greenhouse/Retail Area
- Densely Populated Residential Area
- Ample Parking/Hardstanding/Open Storage

PRICE £795,000 : FREEHOLD
(PLUS STOCK AT VALUATION)
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£595,000 EXCLUDING THE GARDEN CENTRE

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- Inner Hall
- Bedroom Seven
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Utility Room

First Floor
- Central Galleried Landing
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Four En-Suite Bathrooms

Second Floor
- Landing
- Two Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room

Outside & General
- Integral Double Garage
- Landscaped Grounds
- Fully Double Glazed
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- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Detached garage
- Larger gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (63)

£274,950 FREEHOLD

5 FIELDHOUSE ROAD, HEDNESFORD

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Split level bathroom
- Off road parking
- Well stocked gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (56)

£139,950 FREEHOLD

3 THE POPLARS, OFF EDWARD STREET, CANNOCK

SEMI DETACHED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Within Reach of Facilities at Cannock and Hednesford Centre

- Side entrance hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (68)

£113,500 FREEHOLD

55 CHENET WAY, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOME Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Hall and cloakroom
- Lounge and dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite and family bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (66)

£235,000 FREEHOLD

97 CEMETERY ROAD, CANNOCK

IMPROVED AND EXTENDED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Conveniently Located For Facilities At Cannock and Hednesford Town Centres

- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating tbc

£119,950 FREEHOLD

87 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED DORMER STYLE FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 4/5/6 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- 2/3/4 Reception rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen and utility room
- Four first floor bedrooms
- Family bathroom and ensuite
- Integral garage
- Gardens and in and out drive
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (62)

£389,950 FREEHOLD

86 EDWARD STREET, BROOMHILL, CANNOCK

IMPROVED TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Occupying Larger Garden In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities at Cannock and Hednesford Centres

- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory/ utility
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Larger gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (69)

£145,000 FREEHOLD

KEEPERS, SANDY LANE, HATHERTON

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED WELL APPOINTED FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED DETACHED RESIDENCE WHICH HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED LOCATED IN VERY POPULAR RURAL POSITION ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CANNOCK

- Enclosed Porch
- Central Reception Hall
- Lounge
- Dining Room/Bedroom Four
- Well Equipped Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Bedroom Two
- Shower Room
- Galleried Landing
- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Split Level Bathroom
- Integral Double Width Garage
- Well Stocked Grounds
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Predominantly Double Glazed & Intruder Alarm
- EPC rating D (67)

Inspection Highly Recommended To Fully Appreciate This Quality Property

PRICE £449,950 : FREEHOLD

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- Lounge and dining room
- Study/sitting area
- Farmhouse dining kitchen
- Five bedrooms
- Two en-suites and family bathroom
- Detached double width garage
- Well stocked gardens and paddock
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (50)

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- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three First Floor Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom and En-Suite Shower Room
- Second Floor Bedroom with En-Suite and Dressing Room
- Private Garden at Rear
- Garage
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Fully Double Glazed

Well Equipped Four Bedroom Mews House
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4 MARTIN GROVE, HILTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY
NEWLY COMPLETED FIVE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area
- Cloakroom with WC
- Sitting room & dining room
- Study & family room
- Kitchen & utility
- Central landing
- Five bedrooms
- Three en-suites
- Family bathroom
- Double garage
- EPC rating: tbc

£1300 pcm

FLAT 4 JACKSON CLOSE, NORTON CANES
SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£475 pcm

22 LOVE LANE, LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, RUGELEY
SPACIOUS ONE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located On Well Presented Park Home Site Convenient For Local Facilities
- Dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Double bedroom
- Shower room
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Fully double glazed
- LPG central heating
- Parking space and gardens
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: E

£475 pcm

2 FOXFIELDS WAY, HUNTINGTON
TWO BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Occupying Corner Plot Gardens In Popular Residential Area
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Detached garage
- Corner plot gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (62)

£595 pcm

50 GLADSTONE ROAD, HEATH HAYES
WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Detached garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£725 pcm

12 VICTORIA TERRACE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT
- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- One allocated parking space
- Secure gated access
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£500 pcm

3 SMITHY PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE
WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds
- Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or children
- EPC rating: C (73)

£600 pcm (plus service charge)

39 WOODSTOCK DRIVE, HUNTINGTON
WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area
- Entrance lobby
- Guests cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Landscaped gardens
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (59)

£625 pcm

41 COPPICE ROAD, RUGELEY
THREE BEDROOMED END TERRACED HOUSE
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Car port
- Large rear garden
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- DSS considered
- EPC rating: F (36)

£525 pcm

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Smart three-bedroom end-terraced house has all the benefits of a brand new property

This three-bedroom new-build end-terraced house in Tarn Close, Willenhall, has all the benefits of a brand new property.

Built by the award-winning five-star home builder Lioncourt Homes, it is for sale through Paul Dubberley at £169,995.

With double glazing, gas central heating, a driveway and gardens, it has an entrance hall with stairs off and a lounge/diner with patio doors opening out to the rear garden.

WILLENHALL
£169,995

The accommodation further briefly comprises a kitchen with wall and base units, worktops, an integrated cooker, hob and extractor, stainless steel sink and drainer.

The property is further complemented by a downstairs WC which is always useful for a growing family, as well as an en suite to the main bedroom. The main family bathroom has a suite with a bath, WC and wash hand basin.

The selling agents say that this lovely property really needs to be viewed in order to appreciate the quality of its fixtures and fittings and internal decoration.

Anyone requiring further information can contact Paul Dubberley on 01902 633323 or visit the agent's website at www.pauldubberley.co.uk

Charmingly beautiful and well appointed two-bedroom house is deceptively spacious

A charmingly beautiful and well appointed two-bedroom terrace house, 1 Limes Road, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton is a superb example of its type in a favoured residential area.

Within easy walking distance of amenities, this deceptive property has spacious and versatile living accommodation.

Thoughtfully extended and re-styled to create a most attractive and contemporary interior, whilst retaining the charm and appeal of a period property, it has gas central heating, a front sitting room, living room, kitchen with matching suite of units and built in appliances, utility, fitted cloakroom and basement which could be used for a multitude of purposes (for example as a play room, study or guest bedroom).

TETTENHALL
£235,000

It also has a conservatory adjacent to the kitchen, creating an open plan living space. There is also a useful garden room off. On the first floor there are two double bedrooms both with built-in wardrobes and a recently re-fitted shower room with a smart white suite. The rear garden has been neatly landscaped to provide a pleasant outlook.

In more detail the front sitting room has a marble-style fireplace and hearth in a decorative surround with a gas coal fire.

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Wimblebury
New

Brisbane Way

- Executive Detached House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Study & Guest Cloakroom

£329,950 EPC=C

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Dartmouth Avenue

- Traditional Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen

£254,999 EPC=D

Heath Hayes
New

Cross Street

- Spacious Detached House
- Through Lounge
- Dining Room & Snug
- Re-fitted Kitchen

£230,000 EPC=C

Cannock
New

Pye Green Road

- Detached House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- L-Shaped Kitchen/Diner
- Four Bedrooms

£220,000 EPC=TBA

Cannock

Stoney Croft
•Four Bedroom Detached•Double Garage & Parking
•Exclusive Location•2 Reception Rooms

£335,000 EPC=D

Wedges Mills
New

Wood Lane
•Dormer Bungalow•Three Bedrooms
•Bathroom & Shower Room•Conservatory

£330,000 EPC=D

Heath Hayes

Sweetbriar Way
•Executive Detached•Five Bedrooms
•Ensuite to Master•Three Reception Rooms

£315,000 EPC=D

Wimblebury

Haymaker Way
•Detached House•Lounge, Dining Room
•Conservatory, Kitchen/Diner•Four Bedrooms

£269,995 EPC=TBA

Cannock

Myrtle Glade
•Modern Detached House•Four Bedrooms, En-Suite
•Lounge, Guest WC•Stunning Kitchen/Diner

£250,000 EPC=B

Cannock

Earlswood Way
•Detached House•Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
•Five Bedrooms•Two Ensuites

£250,000 EPC=B

Heath Hayes

Meadow Way
•Modern Detached House•Sought After Location
•Four/Five Bedrooms•Lounge, Dining Room

£240,000 EPC=C

Cannock

Manor Avenue
•Improved Detached House•Town Centre Location
•Lounge & Dining Room•Modern Fitted Kitchen

£239,995 EPC=C

Bloxwich

Selsdon Road
•Detached Bungalow•Corner plot, Cul-de-sac
•Lounge/Diner•Fitted Kitchen

£189,995 EPC=D

Heath Hayes
New

Carlton Close
•Linked Detached House•Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
•Office Area & Utility•Three Bedrooms

£177,500 EPC=D

Rugeley

Eaton Drive
•Modern Town House•Lounge & Kitchen
•Four Bedrooms & Ensuite•Family Bathroom

£159,950 EPC=C

Huntington

Violet Close
•Modern Semi Detached•Two Bedrooms
•Kitchen/Diner•Lounge & Guest WC

£149,995 EPC=B

Cannock

Newhall Street
•Semi Detached House•Town Centre Location
•Three Bedrooms•Kitchen & Utility

£139,995 EPC=E

Cannock

Hednesford Road
•Extended Semi Detached•Lounge & Dining Room
•Kitchen & Guest WC•Three Bedrooms & Bathroom

£134,995 EPC=E

Cannock

Newhall Street
•Town Centre Location•Traditional Terraced
•Lounge & Dining Room•Kitchen & Cellar

£127,000 EPC=E

Hednesford

High Mount Street
•End Terraced House•Lounge & Dining Room
•Refitted Kitchen & Lean To•Laundry/Guest WC

£125,000 EPC=D

Hednesford
New

Sharon Way
•Semi Detached House•Lounge & Dining Room
•Kitchen & Conservatory•Three Bedrooms

£125,000 EPC=D

Cannock

Newhall Street
•Traditional Semi Detached•Lounge & Dining Room
•Kitchen•Two Bedrooms & Bathroom

£120,000 EPC=E

Hednesford
New

Bromley Close
•Semi Detached House•Lounge
•Kitchen/Diner•Two Bedrooms

£120,000 EPC=D

Cannock

Dartmouth Mews
•Executive Duplex Apartment•Open Plan
•Two Bedrooms•Underfloor Heating

£119,950 EPC=B

Heath Hayes

Pheasant Way
•Ground Floor Apartment•Open Plan Lounge
•Two Bedrooms•Family Bathroom

£117,995 EPC=C

Cannock

Huntington Terrace Road
•End Town House•Fitted Kitchen
•Lounge•Two Bedrooms

£115,000 EPC=C

Heath Hayes

Apple Walk
•Mews Style House•Lounge & Kitchen
•Two Bedrooms•Front Garden

£112,500 EPC=F

Rugeley

Eaton Drive
•Top Floor Apartment•Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen
•Two Bedrooms•Bathroom

£89,950 EPC=B

Cannock

Holder Drive

- Executive Detached
- Much Sought After Location
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Study

£450,000 EPC=D

Hednesford

Wenlock View

- New Build
- Detached Family House
- Spacious Lounge
- Dining Kitchen

£280,000 EPC=B

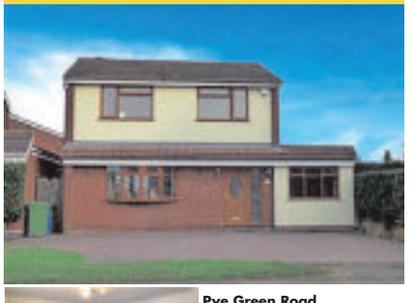
Cannock

Stoney Croft

- Detached Bungalow
- Sought After Area
- Three Bedrooms
- Wet Room

£249,995 EPC=D

Cannock



Pye Green Road

- Detached House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Family Room

£197,500 EPC=D

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Harpers Court, Hednesford Road

Ground Floor Flat
Fitted Kitchen
Two Bedrooms
Luxury Bathroom
Lounge
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Offers In Excess Of £100,000

Chalcot Drive, Hednesford

Link Semi Detached
Kitchen
Two Bedrooms
Dining Room
Lounge
EPC D

Offers Around £130,000

Mulberry Road, Bloxwich

Offers Over £100,000

Mid Town House
Lounge/Diner
Parking to Fore
Two Bedrooms
Good Sized Rear Garden
EPC C

Edward Street, Cannock

Detached Property
Study
Three Bedrooms
Front and Rear Gardens
Kitchen
Awaiting EPC

Offers Around £169,950

Station Street, Cheslyn Hay

Offers Around £185,000

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Two Reception Rooms
Outbuildings
Off Road Parking
EPC F

York Court, Hednesford

Offers Around £195,000

Semi Detached Family Home
Three Bedrooms
Kitchen/Diner
Bathroom/En Suite
Rear Garden
Awaiting EPC

Uttoxeter Road, Rugeley

End Terrace Property
Fitted Kitchen
Four Bedrooms
Parking For Four Cars
Two Reception Rooms
EPC D

Offers Around £200,000

Littleworth Hill, Cannock

Offers In Excess Of £250,000

Split Level Bungalow
Three Bedrooms
Bathroom
Kitchen
Garage
EPC D

Anglesey Street, Hednesford

Offers Around £295,000

Detached Family Home
Four Bedrooms
Lounge/Breakfast Kitchen
Two En Suites
Integral Garage
Awaiting EPC

Hatton Road, Cannock

Detached Property
Kitchen
Four Bedrooms
Detached Garage
Dining Room
EPC E

Offers Around £275,000

Anglesey Street, Hednesford

Offers Around £295,000

Detached Family Home
Four Bedrooms
Lounge/Breakfast Kitchen
Utility Room, Guest WC
Integral Garage
Awaiting EPC

Anglesey Street, Hednesford

Offers Around £340,000

Detached Bungalow
Three Bedrooms
Lounge, Kitchen
Bathroom, En Suite
Double Detached Garage
Awaiting EPC

Chopin Close, Cannock

Detached Property
Conservatory
Four Bedrooms
Garage
Lounge
Awaiting EPC

Offers Around £290,000

Harvey Road, Handsacre

Offers Around £120,000

Semi Detached Property
Dining Kitchen
No Chain
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- Hallway, lounge/diner, Kitchen, utility and study
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Garage/ front and rear gardens

£154,950

Cornwall Court, Rugeley

- A three bedroom mid terraced property
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase with No Chain
- Hallway , lounge, extended dining room
- Kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom
- Front and rear gardens

£119,950

Chichester Close, Rugeley

- A modern two bedroom mid terraced property
- Offered with No Chain, an ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, guest wc, kitchen, lounge and conservatory
- Landing, two bedrooms and bathroom
- Allocated parking, front and rear gardens

£129,995

Arch Street, Rugeley

- Well presented mid terraced property close to town centre
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, dining kitchen, cellar
- Two good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- Outside courtyard, superb value

£99,950

The Laurels, Brereton

- Two bedroom retirement bungalow
- Offered on a sheltered housing scheme
- Hallway, kitchen, lounge, two good size bedrooms
- Communal gardens and parking
- Superb value, muts be viewed

£110,000

Chaseley Road, Etching Hill

Detached bungalow in prime residential location offering huge scope for improvement and modernisation. Large woodland plot offering lots of potential with internal accommodation comprising: Hallway, lounge, dining room, two bedrooms, kitchen and utility with garage and carport. Offered with No Chain and sensible offers invited

£379,950 Offers Invited

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- Well presented one bedroom first floor apartment
- Ideal FTB/ INvestment purchase with No Chain
- Communal hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen
- Good size master bedroom and modern bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces, must be viewed

£83,950

Talbot Street, Rugeley

- Well presented traditional detached property
- Good sized garden and garage with driveway to side
- Hallway, lounge, diding room, kitchen
- Three good size bedrooms, luxury bathroom
- Viewing essential, offers considered

£269,950

Bryans Lane, Rugeley

- A modern three bedroom three story town house
- Ideal location close to town centre and No Chain
- Hallway, lounge/ diner, guest wc, kitchen
- Three bedrooms, main bathroom
- Driveway to front and garden to rear

£149,950

Glovers Hill Court, Brereton

- Spacious second floor apartment in good location
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge/ diner with open plan kitchen
- Two good size bedrooms, main bathroom
- Allocated parking, viewing essential

£109,995

Woodheyes Lawns, Etching Hill

- A three bedroom semi detached bungalow
- Sought after location, offered with No Chain
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, shower room
- Three bedrooms, front and rear gardens
- Must be viewed

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Arch Street, Rugeley

- Spacious three bedroom traditional terraced property
- Ideal FTB/ Investment property with NO CHAIN
- Hallway, lounge/ dining room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom
- Three good size bedrooms to first floor
- Lovely rear garden, superb value

£109,950 Offers Invited

Etching Hill Road, Etching Hill

Executive detached home in sought after location with beautiful garden plot and views across Cannock Chase. Internally accommodation comprises: hallway, lounge, dining room, sitting room, kitchen, utility, guest wc, conservatory, four bedrooms and two bathrooms. Externally is a double garage and plentiful parking, Offers Considered

£430,000

Albany Drive, Rugeley

- Superbly located semi detached property
- Large plot backing onto Trent and Mersey Canal
- Hallway, lounge, refitted shower room, kitchen
- Two bedrooms, garage and driveway
- Offers Invited, No Chain

£149,995

Eaton Drive, Rugeley

- Well presented and spacious second floor apartment
- Good location and close to amenities
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom
- Allocated parking, viewing essential

£89,950

Lockside View, Rugeley

- Superbly presented semi detached property
- Popular location close to town centre
- Hallway, lounge/diner, kitchen
- Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom and guest wc
- Garage, driveway and gardens

£164,950

Lichfield Street, Rugeley

- Charming traditional terraced home
- Well proportioned rooms and period features
- Close to town centre and lovely private gardens
- Three good size bedrooms and two large reception rooms
- Kitchen and conservatory, must be viewed

£149,950

York Close, Rugeley

- Well presented and spacious end teraced property
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Popular location and offered with No Upward Chain
- Hallway, lounge, kitchen, guest wc, three bedrooms, bathroom
- Front and rear gardens with two parking spaces

£149,950 Offers Invited

The Shrubbery, Rugeley

- Well presented detached property on corner plot
- Offered with No Chain, Viewing essential
- Hallway, two reception rooms, conservatory
- Refitted shower room, three bedrooms
- Garage, utility room and good size gardens

£209,995

Station Road. Rugeley

- Extended three storey traditional terrace
- Close to town centre and offered with No Chain
- Kitchen, large lounge and dining room to rear
- Two bedrooms, refitted and remodelled bathroom
- Allocated parking and rear garden

£129,950

Sheringham Drive, Etching Hill

- Immaculately presented link detached bungalow
- Hallway, large lounge/ diner, kitchen
- Two bedrooms, wet room
- Front and rear gardens with garage and driveway
- Must be viewed, superb location

£174,995

Greyhound Cottage, Colton

- Refurbished cottage in desirable village location
- Ideal Investment with No Chain
- Hallway, lounge, diding room, kitchen
- Two large bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- Offers Invited, viewing essential

£175,000

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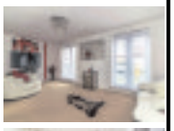

Dorney Place, Bridgetown **O.O £105,000**

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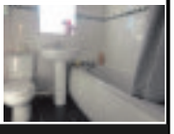


Hedgerow Close, Hednesford **£124,950**

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this immaculately presented TWO bedroom house with PRIVATE PARKING in a CUL-DE-SAC location on a modern family estate in Hednesford with walking distance to Pye Green Academy. The property comprises of a entrance hall, family lounge, modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, two bedrooms both of a good size, modern fitted bathroom and conservatory. To the front there is parking for multiple cars and a large separate lawn area, to the rear there is a low maintenance garden with a entertaining patio area. Energy rating: C.

Cannock

Wordsworth Close, Cannock **£129,950**

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this chain free two bedroom semi detached bungalow in Hednesford set in cul-de-sac location and ready to view now! The bungalow briefly comprises of a large entrance porch with access through further door to the rear, entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen with utility points, shower room with wash hand basin and WC and two bedrooms both of a good size. Externally to the front there is parking for multiple vehicles and a separate gravel area and to the rear there is a entertaining patio area, and steps up to a further paved area and amongst are various shrubs. Energy Rating: C

Great Wyrley

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley **£130,000**

How many two bedrooms have you seen with two bathrooms including an EN-SUITE???

Internally, this property has a lounge, dining room, downstairs bathroom and kitchen with the upstairs having two bedrooms, one with EN-SUITE.

To the rear there is a patio area and separate lawn area with side access

Cannock

Station Court, Cannock **OITRO £135,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this two bedroom mid-terraced property located in Cannock close to a train station and Mill Green and Hawks Green Nature Reserve. The property comprises of entrance hall which is open plan to the kitchen and has doors leading to the downstairs wc and the lounge. The first floor has stairs leading up from the lounge to the landing which gives access to the bathroom and two bedrooms with the master bedroom having a fitted wardrobe. Outside to the front of the property there is a driveway providing off road parking for two cars. To the rear there is an entertaining patio area and lawned area. Energy rating: B.

Cannock

Heath Gap Road, Cannock **£149,950**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this 3 bedroom semi-detached house located in Cannock. The property comprises of hallway with stairs to first floor, kitchen with door to outside, lounge with bay window to front and fireplace, dining room, bathroom, three bedrooms, downstairs WC, large rear garden with patio and lawn area and driveway providing off road parking leading to a garage. Energy rating: E.

Cannock

St Johns Road, Cannock **offers over £150,000**

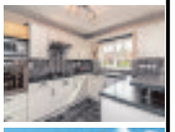
Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this three bedroom semi-detached house, located in Cannock close to Riding Brook park. Entrance to the property is via a double glazed door into a hall, the hall has stairs to first floor, door into the kitchen and door to lounge, from the lounge you have a door to a further hall which leads to the downstairs WC and has a door to outside. The first floor has a landing with doors bathroom, separate WC and three bedrooms. Outside to the front of the property there is a low brick wall part enclosing a driveway which provides off road parking, there is also a small lawned area with shrubs and trees and side gated access to the rear. To the rear of the property there is an enclosed lawned area with a low wall to the front and a step to a patio area. Energy rating: E.

Cannock

Moreton Street, Cannock **£190,000**

Connells Estate agents are pleased to market this three bedroom detached bungalow located in Cannock, close to Redhill Primary School. The property comprises of entrance porch leading into a hall which gives access to the WC and the lounge. The lounge leads onto a further hallway which gives access to the kitchen, bathroom and three bedrooms with bedroom 1 leading onto the conservatory. To the front of the property there is a large driveway with a small lawned area, gated access to the garage and side gated access to the rear. To the rear of the property there is a large lawned area with various trees and shrubs. Energy rating: C.

Heath Hayes



Peregrine Way, Heath Hayes **£195,000**

Set over three floors and views as far as the eye can see. Connells Estate Agents are excited to be marketing for sale this immaculately presented, modern bedroom MID-TERRACED property with flexible living accommodation throughout in the popular area of HEATH HAYES. On the ground floor the property briefly comprises of entrance hall, cloakroom, utility room, WC, integral garage (accessable from the hall) and bedroom three. On the first floor there is a large lounge with a balcony, kitchen with dining area, again with balcony whilst on the second floor there is a master bedroom with fitted wardrobes and an en-suite, bedroom two with another en-suite. Externally to the front the property provides a shared driveway with its own GARAGE, pathway leading to front surrounded by woodland and various shrubs. To the rear there is a LARGE entertaining patio area with a separate lawn area amongst there are various shrubs. Energy rating: C

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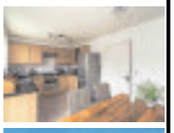

Nuthatch Close, Cannock **£195,000**

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are excited to market for sale this modern and immaculately presented three bedroom semi-detached house located in the popular are of HEATH HAYES. The property comprises of entrance via hall with stairs and doors leading to downstairs WC and lounge, the lounge has a further door into the fitted kitchen / diner with doors to rear garden. The first floor compries of landing with door to airing cupboard which houses the heating system, door to bathroom and doors to three bedrooms, with the maste bedroom having fitted wardrobes and access to the en-suite. Outside to the front the property has a pathway to the front door with gravel surrounding and a driveway giving access to the garage. To the rear there is a large entertaining patio area with a lawned area and side gated access to front. Energy rating: C

Hednesford

Bond Way, Hednesford **£235,000**

An exciting opportunity has presented it self in Hednesford via CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS.. SET ON A CORNER PLOT & BOASTING A LARGE SEPERATE DOUBLE GARAGE to the rear side, this beautifully presented FOUR bedroom family home is a must view to fully appreicate! The property comprises of entrance porch, lounge with gas fireplace, stairs to first floor and being open plan with the sitting area which has patio door to rear garden, the fitted kitchen has a range of wall and base units with a double glazed window looking over the rear garden and access to the dining area. On the first floor there is a landing with access to an airing cupboard, bathroom and four bedrooms - with the master bedroom having en-suite. Outside to the front there is a lawned garden and driveway providing off road parking. To the rear there is a large decking area and a lawned area. The property also has a DOUBLE GARAGE. Energy rating: E.

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Pagets Chase, Cannock Wood **£260,000**

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this delightful modern family home in a cul-de-sac location near to Cannock Wood in Prospect Village, with great entertaining space and generous living accommodation throughout. This four bedroom detached property commanding an impressive position makes it really a must view to fully appreciate. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC with basin, significantly large family lounge, dining room, conservatory, modern fitted kitchen diner with access into the garage. On the first floor there is a family bathroom with basin, WC and bath and four bedrooms with the master benefiting from having its very own en-suite. To the front the property provides off troad parking for multiple cars and to the rear there is a entertaining patio area with steps up on to the lawn area and amongst various shrubs. Energy Rating: E.

Heath Hayes

Newlands Court, Heath Hayes **£280,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this four bedroom detached property located in Cannock which briefly comprises of entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, four bedrooms master having en-suite and garden. Energy rating: awaited.

Penkridge

Bellbrook, Penkridge **£350,000**

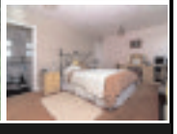
LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE this detached cottage has many of the original features INCLUDING a beam reclaimed from Hatherton Hall which is now in the farmhouse style kitchen. The house is formerly the old Constables Cottage the property has local historical interest and is situated opposite Penkridge Heritage Centre. Extensively improved by the current owners the property briefly comprises of a lounge, kitchen, family room, utility & guest WC, conservatory, three bedrooms a family bathroom, off road parking and a huge garden.

Cheslyn Hay

Oakdene Close, Cheslyn Hay **£370,000**

Connells Estate Agents are to excited to have for sale this exquisite and superbly presented four bedroom detached property located in the popular village of Cheslyn Hay. The property comprises of entrance porch, leading into a hallway with stairs to the first floor, doors into the study and lounge and being open plan into the kitchen. The kitchen and lounge have doors into the dining room which leads onto a conservatory, there is a utility room which is accessed via the kitchen and leads into the downstairs WC, the study has a door leading to the garage. On the first floor there is a landing with doors into the airing cupboard, bathroom and four bedrooms with the master bedroom having access to an en-suite and fitted wardrobe. Outside the property to the front there is a driveway providing off road parking and a lawned area. To the rear there is an entertaining patio area with a lawned area and additional patio area. Energy rating: D.

Grove Cottage, Cheslyn Hay



Wolverhampton Road, Cheslyn Hay **£435,000**

A rare opportunity to purchase this charming and highly deceptive DETACHED Cottage.. Situated in the Village of Cheslyn Hay and set on almost an acre of land including a double garage.. this is a fine example of traditional living at its best! the cottage briefly comprises of entrance hall downstairs WC with wash hand basin, family lounge full of character including a featured brick fire place and ceiling beams, dining room, an additional reception room which comes with it's very own Mixer drinking bar and could be even used as a downstairs bedroom, modern fitted kitchen with breakfast bar and stable door out to garden. on the first floor there is a modern fitted family bathroom with jacuzzi bath, separate shower, wash hand basin and WC. As well as four double bedrooms with the master benefiting from having fitted wardrobes and en suite with shower, wash hand basin and WC. Externally the property is situated on almost an acre of land with wrap around gardens to the front, side and rear and shrubs amongst. There is a private gated access which continues down as a driveway and hosts parking for several cars and access to double garage. Energy rating: E.

Hednesford

Heather Valley, Hednesford **Offers Over £450,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this elegant, FIVE bedroom detached family home. Commanding an impressive position, the property boasts flexible living accommodation and is set over two floors. The first floor entrance level and lower ground level both provide generous sleeping arrangements as well as multiple bathrooms and en-suites. Situated in a modern quiet cul-de-sac this property is a short distance away from the desirable Cannock Chase, Hednesford train station and Kingsmead College. On the first floor the property briefly comprises of entrance upper hallway, lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, two bedrooms with one benefitting from having an en-suite and family bathroom. you then decent to the lower floor where you will find; two double bedrooms with one benefiting from having large fitted wardrobes and an en-suite, large shower room, second lounge / fifth bedroom, with french doors out on to the patio terrace. Externally, to the front the property provides a block paved driveway for multiple cars as well as a larger than average garage. To the rear there is a beautifully designed garden amongst a selection of shrubs and separate patio area. Energy Rating: D.

Shoal Hill

New Penkridge Road, Shoal Hill **£525,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this four bedroom detached house located in Cannock. The property comprises of entrance hall with stairs to first floor and doors into the lounge, fitted kitchen / diner and dining room, the fitted kitchen leads into a further hall which gives access to the utility room, garage and rear garden. On the first floor there is a landing with doors to the airing cupboard, shower room and four bedrooms, three of which have fitted wardrobes and the master bedroom has an en-suite and seperate dressing area. Outside to the front of the property there is drive way providing off road parking, a lawned area and gated access to rear. To the rear of the property there is a lawned area with a featured patio area. Energy rating: awaited.

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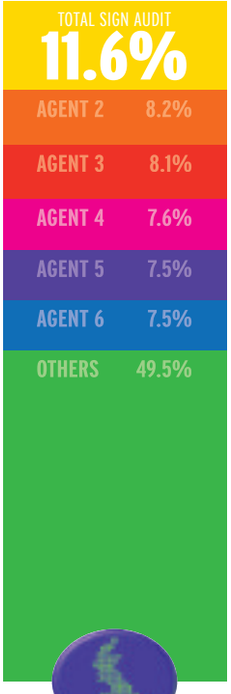

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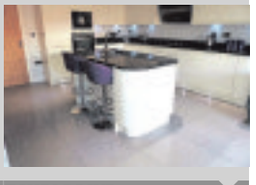

BLOXWICH, CATCHES DRIVE

- Modern detached house
- Immaculate interiors
- Two storey extension
- 2 receptions, kitchen / diner
- Gardens, off road parking
- Viewing essential
- EPC rating C

4 3

Great Wyrley Office - £255,000

NO CHAIN

GREAT WYRLEY, JOHNS LANE

- Spacious detached bungalow
- Fully refurbished interiors
- Two reception rooms
- Superb fitted kitchen
- Gardens, driveway parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

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Great Wyrley Office - £210,000

GREAT WYRLEY, HILTON LANE

- Superb detached property
- Prime village location
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Lounge, dining area, kitchen
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- Viewing essential
- EPC rating D

3 1

Great Wyrley Office - £185,000

GREAT WYRLEY, OLDE HALL LANE

- Semi-detached bungalow
- Immaculate interiors
- Superb lounge, 'sun room'
- Breakfast kitchen
- Loft storage / hobby room
- Driveway parking. No chain.
- EPC rating D

2 1

Burntwood Office - £190,000

NORTON CANES, GRANGE ROAD

- Superb detached property
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac location
- Spacious lounge, kitchen
- Guest WC. No chain
- Charming rear garden
- Driveway parking, garage
- EPC rating E

3 1

Burntwood Office - £170,000

BURNTWOOD, CHAWNER CLOSE

- Detached bungalow
- Cul-de-sac location
- Landscaped/private rear garden
- Lounge diner
- Wetroom
- Garage & driveway
- EPC rating D

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- Three bedroom semi detached
- Spacious living accommodation
- Mature rear garden
- In need of a little TLC
- Close to Lichfield City Centre
- No upward chain
- EPC rating to follow

3 1

Burntwood Office - £170,000

NORTON CANES, BEAUMONT WAY

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Spacious lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Private rear garden
- Utility room (converted garage)
- Cul de sac location
- EPC rating D

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £169,950

GREAT WYRLEY, LANDYWOOD LANE

- Beautifully presented semi
- Superb village location
- Spacious lounge, dining room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Well maintained gardens
- Driveway parking
- EPC rating D

3 1

Burntwood Office - £160,000

BURNTWOOD, CHORLEY ROAD

- Cottage style semi detached
- Shower room
- Contemporary kitchen/diner
- Utility & GF bathroom
- Gated parking to side
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

3 2

Great Wyrley Office - £129,950

LITTLE BLOXWICH, GRENFELL ROAD

- Well presented semi
- Pleasant outlook to the front
- Through lounge / diner
- Extended kitchen, utility
- Gardens, driveway parking
- No onward chain
- EPC rating C

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £139,950

GREAT WYRLEY, WALSALL ROAD

- Period semi-detached home
- Popular & convenient location
- Three storey accommodation
- 2 reception rooms, kitchen
- First floor bathroom
- Rear garden. No chain
- EPC rating E

3 1

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Great Wyrley Office - £135,000

CHESLYN HAY, STATION STREET

- Charming period semi
- Loads of potential
- Ideal first purchase
- C/H, D/G. NO CHAIN
- First floor bathroom
- Lawned rear gardens
- EPC rating E

2 1

Burntwood Office - £110,000

NORTON CANES, HIGH STREET

- Two bedroom family home
- End Terrace
- Lounge & Dining kitchen
- Ample parking
- Corner plot position
- Rear garden
- EPC rating D

2 1

Burntwood Office - £90,000

CANNOCK, PRINCESS STREET

- Two Bedroom Semi detached
- Spacious Lounge Diner
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway providing off road parking
- No Upward Chain
- EPC Rating - E

2 1

Great Wyrley Office - £78,000

GREAT WYRLEY, PENNY COURT

- Spacious first floor apartment
- Popular village location
- Suit first time buyer / investor
- Lounge / diner, breakfast kitchen
- Communal grounds and parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

2 1

Burntwood Office - £1600pcm

LICHFIELD, THE MALTHOUSE

- Luxury Penthouse Apartment
- Recent Conversion
- Open Planning Living
- Master Bedroom With Ensuite
- Balcony Overlooking Lichfield City
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- EPC Rating D

2 2

Burntwood Office - £725pcm

BURNTWOOD, REDWOOD DRIVE

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Modern Kitchen
- Private Rear Garden
- Garage and Driveway
- Modern Decor Throughout
- Available End of May
- EPC Rating D

3 1

Burntwood Office - £650pcm

BURNTWOOD, CHASELANDS

- Modern End Terrace
- Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Communal Parking Area
- Cul de sac Location
- Available 5/5/16
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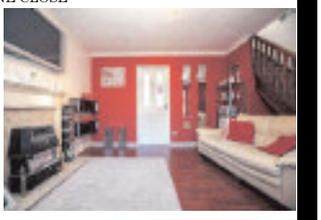
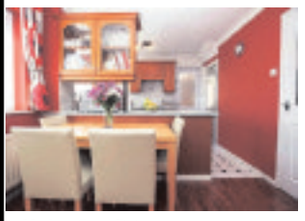
- Through hallway
- Refitted Guest WC
- Refitted Kitchen
- Lounge, Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Garden, Driveway
- No Chain

£179,950

NEW

HEDNESFORD
BEECHPINE CLOSE

- Modern Semi Det.
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Guests WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Double Glazed
- GCH
- Rear Garden

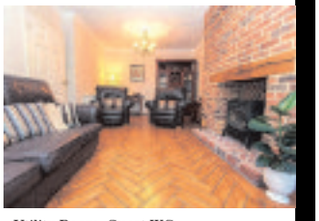
£149,995

HEDNESFORD
KINGFISHER DRIVE

- Stunning Extended Home
- Porch, Through Hallway
- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory
- Extended Bathroom
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms, En-suite
- Gardens, Driveway

£249,950

WEDGES MILLS
WOOD LANE



- Outstanding Detached Dorma
- Through Hallway, Lounge
- Stunning Kitchen
- Dining Room, Conservatory
- Utility Room, Guest WC
- Family Bathroom
- 5 Bedrooms, Family shower-room
- Detached Garage, Gardens

£359,950

HUNTINGTON
LUPIN DRIVE

- 40% SHARED OWNERSHIP
- Modern Apartment
- Secure Intercom System
- Lounge/diner
- Modern Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom, G.C.H.
- Allocated Parking Spaces
- Communal Gardens

£43,000 40% Share

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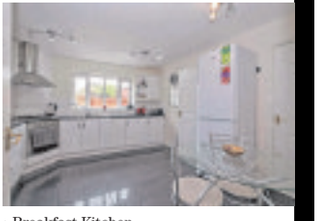
THE MEADOWS



- Detached Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Guest W.C. Study
- Lounge, D Room
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility
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- Detached Double Garage

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- Garden
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NORTON GRANGE

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- Lounge/Diner
- 3 Bedrooms
- Refitted Shower Room
- Gardens, Garage
- GCH
- NO CHAIN

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Kitchen Diner	Garage
3 Bedrooms	EPC Rating E

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MELCHESTER WALK

Unfurnished	GCH & DG
Terrace House	Conservatory
Lounge	Garden
Kitchen Diner	Parking
3 Bedrooms	Awaiting EPC
Bathroom	

£675 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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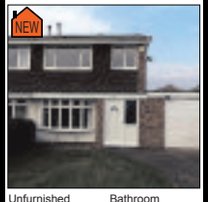
LANGHOLM DRIVE



Unfurnished	Bathroom
Semi Detached	GCH & DG
House	Garden
Lounge	Garage
Kitchen	Parking
3 Bedrooms	Awaiting EPC

£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

Unfurnished	Central Heating
Lounge	Partly Double
Dining Room	Glazed
Kitchen	Rear Garden
3 Bedrooms	Parking
Bathroom	EPC Rating E

£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

Unfurnished	3 Bedrooms
Semi Detached	Shower Room
House	GCH & DG
Lounge	Garden
Dining Room	Parking
Kitchen	EPC Rating D

£132 pw & FEES - NO DSS

BRIDGTOWN
WATERBROOK WAY

Unfurnished	2 Bedrooms
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Dining Room	Rear Garden
Kitchen	EPC Rating E
3 Bedrooms	

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HEATH HAYES
HODSON WAY

Unfurnished	Gas Central
Town House	Heating
Lounge	Double Glazing
Kitchen	Rear Garden
2 Bedrooms	Parking
Bathroom	EPC Rating C

£520 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CHESLYN HAY
STREETS LANE

Unfurnished	Bathroom
Semi Detached	Electric Heating
Cottage	Double Glazing
Lounge	Rear Garden
Kitchen	Parking
1 Bedroom	EPC Rating E

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Unfurnished	Cloak Room
First Floor Flat	Protected Access
Lounge	Parking
Kitchen	EPC Rating C
1 Bedroom	
Shower Room	

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CIRCUIT CLOSE

Unfurnished	Electric Heating
First Floor Flat	Double Glazing
Lounge	Parking
Kitchen	EPC Rating C
1 Bedroom	
Bathroom	

£375 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

Unfurnished	Bathroom
Terrace House	GCH & DG
Lounge	Guest WC
Dining Room	Rear Garden
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- Good Storage
- Parking
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- Semi Detached
- Good Size
- 3 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Parking.

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Church Road, Norton Canes
An immaculately presented three bedroom link detached property. Viewing is recommended.
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Cannock

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In the popular location of Heath Hayes is this well presented three bedroom end terraced property.
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Sankey Road, Cannock
A three bedroom semi detached property with parking to the rear and larger than average rear garden.
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Newhall Street, Cannock
Close to Cannock Town Centre is this two bedroom character semi detached property.
Offers Over £120,000

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Blake Close, Cannock
This modern two bedroom mid terraced townhouse is ideal for first time buyers and as an investment property alike.
£110,000

Cannock

Matlock Drive, Cannock
A three bedroom extended semi detached property close to amenities. Viewing is recommended.
OIRO £100,000

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A semi detached three bedroom property in the Huntington location. Viewing is recommended.
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SOMERSET AVENUE, RUGELEY

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Utility
- Family Bathroom
- Garage
- Private Garden
- DG & GCH

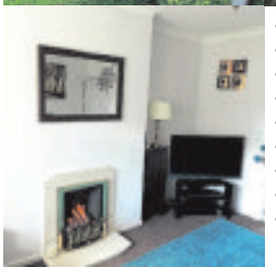
£157,995

BLAKELEY CLOSE, RUGELEY

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen Diner
- Private Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- DG & GCH
- Must be Viewed

£153,000

MEADOW GLADE, HIXON, STAFFORD



- Semi-Detached Family Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Open Plan Dining/Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Private Garden
- Garage & Utilty Area
- Early Viewing Recommended
- No Chain

£175,000

STONE HOUSE ROAD, RUGELEY

- Detached Home
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfasting Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Office/Study
- Garage/Secure parking
- Countryside location
- Must be Viewed

£549,950

BIRCH LANE, RUGELEY

- Semi-Detached Home
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Visitor WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Rear Gardens
- Ideally Suite Family
- Early Viewing Recommended

£125,000

MEADOW STREET, TAMWORTH

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner
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- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Gardens to Rear
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- Ideal Investor/FTB Property

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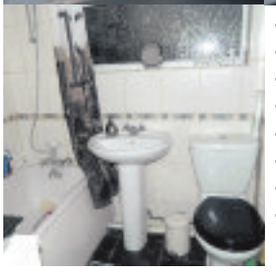


- Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility Area
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- GCH & DG
- Village Location
- Must be Viewed

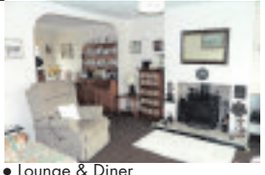
£167,950

FARM CLOSE, RUGELEY

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Sought After Location
- Lounge Diner
- GCH & DG
- Integral Garage
- Ample Driveway
- Private Rear Garden
- Must Be Viewed

£186,000

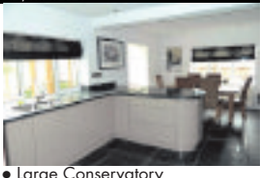
MEADOW GLADE, HIXON



- Four Bedrooms
- Re-Styled Kitchen
- Garage & Off-Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge & Diner
- Two Bathrooms
- Private Gardens
- Viewing Highly Recommended

£185,000

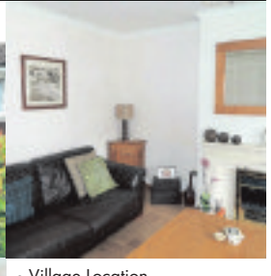
BRERETON ROAD, RUGELEY



- Detached Residence
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite to Master
- Two Reception Rooms
- Large Conservatory
- Gym/Office
- Private Gardens
- Viewing Essential

£284,950

MEADOW GLADE, HIXON



- Village Location
- Semi-Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- kitchen/Diner
- Utility Area/Garage
- Family Bathroom
- Private Gardens
- Early viewing recommended

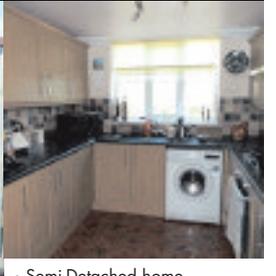
£175,000

TALBOT STREET, RUGELEY

- Period Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Snug
- Kitchen & Pantry
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Out Buildings
- Garage & Studio
- Private Gardens

£284,950

ARMITAGE LANE, BRERETON, RUGELEY



- Semi-Detached home
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Private Gardens
- Garage & Carport
- Must be Viewed

£174,950

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- 1 Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS/PETS

£425 pcm

BRERETON MEWS, BRERETON

- 2 BED GFF
- Open Plan Lounge/ Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH /DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS/Pets

£495 pcm

HOBART ROAD, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed House
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH
- DG, Gardens
- Parking & Garage
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£550 pcm

WHARF ROAD, RUGELEY

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH
- DG, Gardens
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£550 pcm

KNIGHTS COURT, NORTON CANES

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- Lounge & Kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH
- DG, Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS or Pets

£575 pcm

RED LION LANE, NORTON CANES

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen & utility
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden 7 Driveway
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

REMBRANDT CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- 2 Bed End Terrace
- Lounge/Kitchen
- GCH & DG
- Allocated Parking
- Garden
- Energy rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£595 pcm

BLAKE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Semi
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Conservatory,
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Gardens & Drive
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR PETS

£595 pcm

QUEENSWAY, RUGELEY

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- GCH/DG
- Gardens
- Energy rating E
- No DSS/Pets

£595 pcm

SQUIRREL CLOSE , HUNTINGTON

- Four Bed Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Conservatory
- Guest WC, En-Suite
- GCH & DG, Gardens
- Driveway & Garage
- Energy Rating D
- SORRY NO DSS

£895 pcm

TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY

- An improved ground floor flat
- Re-decorated & Re-carpeted throughout
- Spacious lounge-diner
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Communal Gardens

£69,950 No Chain

SIDON HILL WAY, HEATH HAYES

- An Extremely Well Presented and Much Improved First Floor Maisonette.
- Electric Heating & D/G
- Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£85,000

BADGERS COURT, HEATH HAYES

- A Well Presented First Floor Apartment
- Entrance Hall
- Spacious Lounge-Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Ideal FTB or BTL

OIEO £100,000

STAFFORD STREET, HEATH HAYES

- Spacious End Terraced House
- Dining Room/Sitting Room
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen, Porch/ Utility
- Bathroom
- Detached Garage & Driveway
- GCH & Partial Double Glazing

£105,000 No Chain

NELSON DRIVE, WIMBLEBURY

- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£115,000 No Chain

ALBERT STREET, CANNOCK

- An Improved Traditional Detached House
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- GCH/DG
- Good Size Rear Garden

£130,000 No Chain

ST AIDANS, CANNOCK

- Well Presented & Improved Semi House
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- GCH/DG
- Corner Plot
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens

£125,000

PATTERDALE ROAD, CANNOCK

- A very well presented and improved semi detached house
- GCH & Double Glazing
- Breakfast Kitchen, Utility
- Lounge, Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway

£125,000 No Chain

OAKRIDGE DRIVE, CHESLYN HAY

- Extremely Well Presented Town House
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen-Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway

£150,000

GEORGE STREET, HEDNESFORD

- Well Presented & Extended Semi Detached
- Kitchen
- Family Lounge-Diner
- Dining Room/Sitting Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Good Size Rear Garden
- Driveway

£159,995

PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

- Extremely Well Presented Detached House
- Entrance Hall & Guest WC
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage & Driveway

£200,000

NEWHALL STREET, CANNOCK

- Spacious Detached Family Residence
- Lounge & Sitting Room
- Guest WC
- Stunning Open Kitchen
- Dining Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Parking & Garden

£225,000

ELLIOT DRIVE, CHURCHBRIDGE

- A Superbly Presented Detached Family Home
- Entrance Hall, Guest WC
- Lounge, Kitchen-Diner
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- En-Suite, Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway

£235,000 Viewing Essential

ATTLEE GROVE, HEATH HAYES

- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Utility & Guest WC
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£235,000

BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Very Well Presented & Spacious Detached
- Through Hallway & Guest WC
- Family Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen & Utility Area
- Four Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Family Bathroom
- Gardens, Garage & Driveway

£247,500

GORSEMOOR ROAD, HEATH HAYES

- A Well Presented & Spacious Detached Bungalow
- Through Hallway & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen & Utility Room
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Good Sized Gardens
- Double Garage & Driveway

£250,000 No Chain

ROSEWOOD HOUSE, GREAT WYRLEY

- A Spacious Detached Family Residence
- Reception Hallway & Guest WC
- Family Lounge-Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility Room
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted En-Suite & Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway - Ample ORP
- Front & Rear Gardens

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New MG SUV is unveiled

MG Motor UK took the wraps off its all-new SUV, the MG GS, at the London Motor Show and announced an automatic DCT gearbox will be available.

At an exclusive preview event at the Battersea Park show, MG pulled back the cover on the GS to reveal the striking new addition to the UK model range.

MG was also pleased to announce that the GS will come with the British manufacturer's first automatic transmission. The SUV's top specification model will be available with the option of a DCT gearbox; which will be more responsive and provide customers with a much smoother ride. The GS will also come with an agile 1.5-litre turbo petrol engine and will be available in three different trim levels.

Matthew Cheyne, head of sales and marketing for MG, said: "When considering transmissions and engine choices, we listened to our customers and looked at market trends. It's not only a momentous occasion to unveil our first SUV, it is also a significant moment to announce our first automatic – something many of our customers have been waiting for, and so we're thrilled to be offering it to them."

MG is assuring customers that when prices are announced in June, they will reflect the family pricing strategy.

Cheyne added: "Regarding how much this fantastic new car will cost, it will be consistent with our other models. We're proud of the fact our prices are transparent. When we say our cars are affordable, we mean it. The price structures are easy to understand and have no surprise additions.

"When we officially launch the GS next month, people will be able to find out more about the car's performance and when they can get behind the wheel of one."

To register interest in the MG GS, visit the website www.mg.co.uk/gs

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Outlander ensures vet gets out to all patients

By James Parker

When the going gets tough, TV vet Julian Norton knows his Mitsubishi Outlander diesel will get him through it.

The 43-year-old is based in Thirsk, near the beautiful Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors – at James Herriot's former practice no less. And just like the world-famous literary vet, he faces challenges reaching his patients as well as dealing with them.

Julian was the main focus of The Yorkshire Vet – a six-part Channel 5 series last autumn that followed him and his trusty Outlander on his visits.

"Based in rural North Yorkshire, it's important we're able to get out and about in all weathers, all conditions and all types of road surface.

"It's often slippy, even if not always snowy, so it's really useful to have a four-wheel-drive vehicle, and I know my Outlander will cope," he said. "It's a lovely vehicle to drive and it gives you a lot more confidence when you're heading into fields, for example – and we often have to head into fields!"

The Outlander is just as capable reversing up tricky narrow hillside country lanes – for example, to allow oncoming vehicles to pass by – as it is being steered through a ford.

Environment

The new diesel model is Mitsubishi's safest and most environmentally-friendly version. Among the many enhancements, 40 noise, vibration and harshness improvements have been introduced, and it boasts new styling, too.

Ride and handling are even better and there's increased efficiency, while the cabin interior has improved comfort and safety.

And these are all winners as far as Julian is concerned. "The Outlander looks really great.

"It's very stylish, and as well as that, it actually feels like a car because it's not as enormous as some of the equivalent vehicles on the market. It handles really nicely and there's plenty of space – there's a lovely big boot, which we need for our medicines and equipment and calving jacks and so on and so forth, but it's not ridiculously big that it makes it hard to fit into parking spaces or get down my drive at home."

Away from the surgery, Julian is very much a man of action. Until recently, he was – with friend and Olympic oarsman Roger Brown – the world record-holder for tandem indoor rowing over a 24-hour period.

Nowadays when he's not working, Julian takes part in triathlons and Ironman challenges, and goes biking and ski mountaineering – he also represented Great Britain in the Half-Iron Distance Triathlon European championships last year and in 2014.

"Again, the Outlander's great for all that because when I've not got my veterinary stuff in the boot I can stick loads of kit in, and one of my sons is a very keen triathlete, so we can stick his bike in the back and head off. It's really good for that."

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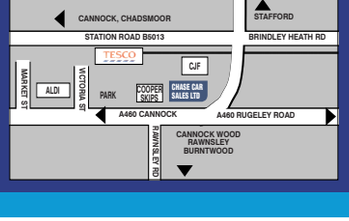

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Porsche unveils Cayman

Just weeks after revealing the new turbocharged 718 Boxster, Porsche has unveiled the matching 718 Cayman.

It uses the same 2.0-litre 296bhp and 2.5-litre 345bhp flat-four engines in the new Cayman and Cayman S variants, the latter making use of variable vane turbo geometry technology taken from the 911 Turbo.

The extra power makes the Cayman S as fast off the line as the 911, notching up the 0-62mph sprint in as little as 4.2 seconds with the PDK gearbox and Sport Chrono packs installed.

Official fuel efficiency is up to as much as 40.9mpg in the 2.0-litre car, while top speeds are 170mph and 177mph.

The suspension has been stiffened and the wheels and tyres made wider, in order to extract even more lateral grip from a car already well known for its cornering prowess.

Porsche has upgraded the brakes, too. The Cayman wears the system from the previous Cayman S, while the new S makes use of the four-piston calipers from the 911 Carrera, plus 6mm thicker discs.

As with the Boxster, two levels of Porsche Active Suspension Management (PASM) are available, lowering the car by 10mm and 20mm respectively, although the latter is only available on S models.

On the inside, Porsche Communication Management is now standard, to include mobile phone preparation, audio interfaces and a 150-Watt stereo.

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Precision the key to perfection in this Prius

By Ian Donaldson

SOMETIMES it's the details that count; the little things that show how much care has been lavished on a car to make the driver happy.

In the case of the latest Toyota Prius – fourth generation of the biggest selling petrol/electric hybrid to date – it came down to the way the armrest on the door and between the seats had been positioned with millimetric precision.

Precisely placed to allow both elbows to rest while hands clasped the steering wheel at a semi-textbook twenty-to-four position.

And so relaxing; like the rest of the Prius in fact.

With its electric motor often letting the car pull away in silence for a little way before the petrol engine chimes in softly, this is a pleasant way to travel long distances.

Ideal when the car has to carry a tired driver and navigator-in-chief home from Heathrow after an anything but relaxing few days away.

There can be no more easy-going way to manage the tribulations of M25 and M1 than a car that never showed less than 63mpg on its dash readout and looked after gearchanges for you with its smoothly acting auto transmission.

Charges

You can still buy an old-style Prius that plugs into a power point to charge its battery before needing to call in petrol power, but the car on test (and vastly the more popular version) simply charges when you slow down or brake.

Doesn't go nearly so far on current alone but is simpler to live with.

Lower, longer and wider than before, this latest Prius is also the most economical and least polluting to date, finding extra room for people and luggage thanks both to the bigger dimensions and a smaller but more powerful battery, now hidden under the rear seat.

Toyota must smile when recalling reaction to the original Prius in 1997.

It looked odd and drove unconvincingly – but see the car world today, where everyone is urgently mixing petrol and electricity to match the demands of politicians eager for a greener future.

This latest Prius is aimed at keeping the car green (a little greener, in fact, with lowest ever fuel consumption and emissions) but making the car better to look at and drive.

Well, it certainly looks different, outside and in.

A mass of creases and curves tell you this is a car meant to stand out in the crowd.

It does, although you'll have to decide it that's in a good way.

Ease

Inside, you'll instantly spot the between seats cubby, with cupholders and space for your mobile phone and all in a plastic so white it brought a call of 'bidet' from my crew.

Well put together, though, and part of a cabin that's easy to spend time in and properly thought through for the driver.

It doesn't drive like a sports car, and thank goodness you might say.

Ease of long-term ownership is more important with something as sensible as the Prius, even with its new-found nod to looks.

The newcomer starts at £23,295 and comes in four versions.

All have the same 1.8 litre petrol engine, electric motor and auto gears and a safety package that includes adaptive cruise control that slows the car in traffic and accelerates away when the road clears.

It also detects pedestrians and cars ahead and will brake you to a standstill at lower speeds if you're not paying attention.

A camera also spots speed limits and posts them on the dash – sometimes getting things wrong.

The rest of the Prius is pretty well right, though, and a convincing way to keep costs down and do your bit to save the planet at the same time.

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Vauxhall's quadruple award win Astra-led

By James Parker

Vauxhall's all-new Astra has proven itself to be one of the top models in the fleet industry, taking home two awards at the 2016 Fleet World Honours. The awards didn't end there for Vauxhall, as the Corsa also picked up the Best Supermini award and the Combo van won Best Small Van.

Announced at the annual Fleet World Honours awards ceremony at the Royal Automobile Club in London recently, the Astra topped the extremely competitive Best New Car and the Best Lower Medium Car categories. The judges, made up of influential decision makers and fleet industry journalists, praised the model for its efficiency, running costs and technology.

Stylish

"The Astra is a fleet staple in the UK, and the corporate sector has never had it better," Alex Grant, Fleet World deputy editor, said.

"It's more stylish, more fun to drive, more practical, and more economical than ever.

"The Astra brings technologies such as IntelliLux LED headlights and OnStar connected services to the compact class, yet it still manages to be ultra-competitive on whole-life costs."

This year has already proven to be a positive year for the model, with this award the latest in a list that also includes a Family Car category win at the What Car? Awards, being named European Car of the Year and winning the Lower Medium category at the Fleet News Awards.

The Corsa also picked up an accolade in the Fleet World Honours, coming out on top of the hotly-contested Best Supermini category. With a wide selection of trim levels and high efficiency, the judges saw the Corsa as a great choice for fleets.

"Although the Corsa has long been one of the UK's best-selling cars, Vauxhall's very effective overhaul in 2014 means there's never been more reason to opt for one," said Alex.

"The wide range encompasses trim levels to suit all types of corporate user, with engines ranging from 85g/km diesels and low-carbon petrols to the potent VXR. Strong on design and technology, it's the segment benchmark."

Option

The Van Fleet World judging panel felt that Vauxhall's Combo van range, despite increasingly strong competition, continues to offer UK fleets the Best Small Van option. Combo is available with no less than four body sizes, including two high-roof models, delivering an unrivalled choice of payloads and load volumes.

"Vauxhall recognises that there is no one-size fits all van, and Combo provides fleet managers with a huge range of engine, load volume and payload options," said Dan Gilkes, Van Fleet World Editor.

"With the backing of Vauxhall's extensive dealer network, Combo delivers a practical, well-equipped, cost-efficient load carrier."

"We're delighted the Astra has been recognised for not one but two awards at the Fleet World Honours," said James Taylor, Vauxhall's Fleet sales director.

"The fleet market is an important sector for the all new Astra. It's great to see how well-received the Astra has been so far, and we are also pleased that the Corsa and Combo have remained firm favourites."

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Ford ups the bar on Kuga SUV compact

By John Griffiths

You hear a lot about crossover or compact SUV cars these days: that's because they are effectively driving the new car market and almost every manufacturer has been rushing to get one in the showrooms.

Sales of such vehicles were up by 25 per cent in the first quarter of the year, way above the industry average.

Ford got into the race early, with the first Kuga almost a decade ago, and with many more, and newer rivals, now was a good time to update an improve the car.

Like most of the competition, there are front wheel and four wheel drive options and a range of petrol ansd diesel options at prices from just under £20,000, which does put them at something of a disadvantage to the private buyer, at least.

The new car is distinguished by its front end, with a more steeply sloping bonnet (to increase its pedestrian safety rating), new lights and a lot of new technology inside.

Also new to the line up is the entry level Zetec model with the fuel and tax saving 120PS version of Ford's now familiar 1.5 litre 'Ecoboost' turbocharged petrol engine.

Style

The test car was fitted with the 148bhp Ecoboost' (there's also a 178bhp version) and this comes with front wheel drive only – only the top-rated petrol and diesel units are fitted to all-wheel drive examples.

Of course many of the compact SUVs you see on the roads are two-wheel drive: many owners don't want or need a full-fledged 4x4 with the extra expense that involves. But they like the style, image, tall 'command' driving position, ease of access (due to higher seats) and practicality.

That said, even the front wheel drive Kuga has some limited off-road (or rough track at any rate) ability as it shares the same high ground clearance, with skid plates to protect the underside, and long travel suspension as its more expensive siblings.

The use of a relatively small capacity engine with turbocharging is a feature gaining ground across the motor industry.

Used carefully, it saves fuel while still having the power to respond, for overtaking for example when necessary: it's 0 to 62mph sprint takes under ten seconds, impressive for a car of this size with just 1,500ccs under the bonnet.

The turbo also gives it more torque, more 'grunt' at lower engines speeds like a modern diesel, so that it cruises quietly and smoothly at motorway speeds.

Indeed, the Kuga is an excellent, refined motorway cruiser: the engine is barely breathing heavily and is so quiet you're more conscious of the slipstream being deflected by the big off-roader style door mirrors. It feels a very grown up sort of car.

It drives just how you would expect from a Ford: the gearshift is slick, the steering nicely weighted and despite its height the body is well controlled so it's happy to hustle along twisty b-roads without upsetting passengers.

Opposition

High mileage or business users may prefer the more expensive to buy but cheaper to tax and run 2.0 litre diesel – the 148bhp version returns around 60mpg with a CO2 rating several tax bands lower at 122g/km.

Inside, the Kuga matches up to the opposition for space and particularly headroom. The rear bench has two large outer seats (which can be reclined individually) with a central cushion perhaps best suited to a younger member of the family.

Oddly, the Zetec model as tested has a much different instrunment layout to the higher grade Titanium. The centre console is topped by a control screen for stereo, phone and other functions. The test car was also fitted with the optional satnav, which for £650 gets you a slightly larger screen plus a basic repeater function between the speedo and tachometer.

The Kuga now has Ford's sophisticated SYNC system, which allows the driver to use voice commands for a range of functions as well as features such as audible text messaging and instant access to emergency assistance. Cruise control with speed limiter, Ford's excellent Quickclear windscreen, front fog lamps, twin chromed exhausts, manual air conditioning and electrically operated and heated door mirrors are all included in basic specification.

Boot space is among the best in class, with 406 litres which can be increased to 1,603 if the rear seats are folded down.

The Kuga has a lot of competition these days, but this latest makeover – coupled with a cheaper and more economical entry level version – looks like keeping its place in the scramble for compact SUV sales.

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Updated Tiguan is now even better buy

By Ed Wiseman

When you think of Volkswagen, you think of Golf. The legendary family hatch has been the German brand's best performer in the UK for years pursued by the slightly smaller Polo. But in third place is the Tiguan, an unsung hero of VW's expansive range.

The latest generation of this compact SUV is based on the MQB platform that forms the foundation of the Golf and Passat, as well as other VW Group cars from Seat and Skoda. It's been upgraded visually and borrows in-car tech from Audi, making the Tiguan's interior one of the most up-to-date in its sector. All of this is a huge improvement on the already-good Tiguan, which had just begun to feel dated.

The Tiguan's chiselled, Germanic features set it apart from more fluid-looking rivals. It's a handsome car and has more road presence than the outgoing generation, which didn't benefit from Volkswagen's current design language. Short overhangs at the front and rear are hugely beneficial off-road and add to the chunky, utilitarian aesthetic of this fundamentally road-orientated car.

The inside of the car is largely well-built, but in comparison to the price tag (around £25,000 for a sensible Tiguan), the materials used are disappointing in places. Beige plastic dominates the front below knee-height, though the seats are fetching and the soft-touch plastic feels built to last.

Volkswagen's image has been undeniably dented by its emissions scandal, but that's unlikely to put buyers off. The VW badge is still an upmarket – if conventional – choice. The upcoming Seat Ateca, which is mechanically similar but has a much lower starting price, could represent better value for buyers who like the Tiguan, but aren't fussed about brand.

Space

There's more room in the Tiguan than before, but tall people will find the back seats cramped. Legroom has been improved, but avoid the flimsy plastic tables – they fill the extra space with hard plastic that will bruise the knees of your rear passengers. Door bins are large and storage is generally excellent throughout the cabin. The boot can theoretically hold over 600 litres of luggage, depending on the exact position of the adjustable rear seats. Those rear seats can be adjusted or folded down with a tug of a small spring-loaded tab – a very user-friendly system. When the seats are folded down, the Tiguan boasts 1,655 litres of space for those occasional garden centre trips.

Volkswagen has lengthened the wheelbase of the Tiguan, making it slightly more comfortable on British roads. The Tiguan is also a few pounds lighter, with clever weight savings mitigating the added weight of all the new convenience and safety tech. Noticeably light steering suggests that the Tiguan has been optimised for urban and suburban driving.

But buyers of the 4x4 Tiguan will be pleasantly surprised at how adept their new car is at handling quite serious off-road challenges. It will never compare with a well-driven Range Rover, but the ground clearancefour-wheel-drive system and short overhangs combine to make an unnecessarily good utility vehicle. External cameras situated around the vehicle can be used to help visualise difficult terrain from the comfort of the cab, too.

An advanced infotainment system is available on the Tiguan. The instrument binnacle is digital, visually emulating a conventional

speedometer and rev counter, but with much more flexibility. The driver can choose to display Google Maps, including satellite imagery – while this often duplicates information found on the centre console touchscreen, it's a futuristic touch that helps maximise time spent looking at the road. A head-up display, showing the car's current speed in comparison to the prevailing speed limit, is another driver-orientated safety improvement.

VW occupies a different market position to key rivals. The Qashqai, which continues to outsell its opposition convincingly, is an excellent car but has a cheaper image. Similarly, offerings from Kia and Hyundai are very competent choices, but lack badge appeal. Yet the Tiguan isn't as posh as the Evoque or Discovery Sport – it's in between.

Prices for the Tiguan are comfortably higher than the Ateca, Seat's MQB-based SUV. In fact, Tiguan is expensive, carefully positioned above most of its real competitors and with an options list that threatens to push it into a daunting price bracket. The Mazda CX-5 is as good and much cheaper.

Technology, safety features and looks make it a great choice for families. It's on the pricey side, so the model is likely to continue to attract mainly well-heeled buyers who want the reassurance of the Volkswagen brand. 4x4 versions, likely to sell healthily in Britain, will be popular with horse owners and caravanners as well as country dwellers who need added traction in winter months.

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Audi A4 is pressing on business car market

By John Griffiths

Audi's new and improved A4 range is already making its impact felt on the business car market, with its frugal two-litre diesel engine a popular choice.

Hot on the heels of the ubiquitous business motor is a new flagship model, an A4 with almost twice the power and the surefootedness of quattro four wheel drive.

Yes it's powerful and very quick, but this isn't a sports car: it's a compact executive saloon designed to take the strain out of those long motorway miles its drivers are likely to clock up.

With more than enough power to spare, the new A4 3.0 TDI is all about easy, almost lazy performance: a car in which you can take overtaking opportunities with ease, or cruise in sublime comfort, before arriving at your destination relaxed and ready to do business.

That was particularly true of the test car. With a list price of over £38,000, it doesn't seem unreasonable to egg the pudding a little more with one particular optional extra at £450 – acoustic glass (including privacy glass in the rear) to further insulate passengers from the constant rumble of a busy motorway.

Range

Naturally the cost of buying and running the 3.0 litre car is going to be significantly more than its workhorse 2.0 litre stablemate, but it's a car Audi had to build to compete with top of the range versions of arch rival BMW's 330 genre.

There is a 218PS version of the A4 three-litre, which matches the 2.0 litre models for impressive fuel and tax efficiency. But the new flagship comes with an extra 54PS of power and, of course, all wheel drive and some sportier styling touches.

But what gives this car its character is the 600 Newton-metres of torque, a huge helping of pulling power which is under your right foot with the turbocarged V6 barely ticking over. In the relatively light A4, that means rapid response in virtually any conditions, but it does its work in a particularly smooth manner to match any executive express, powered by petrol or diesel.

This is complemented by an eight-speed S-tronic transmission and, of course the traction provided by the quattro system which helps to put the power down smoothly and safely.

No wonder, then, that the 3.0 TDI goes from a standstill to 62mph in an impressive 5.3 seconds, rivalling the best in class.

What is best in class, according to official tests, is its fuel eeconomy of 55.4mpg and CO2 emissions rated at 138g/km. That means a road tax liability of £130 per year, and a company car tax liability of 26 per cent.

The interior comes with Audi's latest technological driving aids and entertainment system including a premium stereo – the test car's was actually a Bang & Oulfsen set up adding £750 to the basic price.

Demands

The audio, like connectivity and satnav, are controlled principally by the pop-up colour screen atop of the dash, which also displays and allows you to change the vehicle's settings from efficiency through comfort to dynamic.With the touch of a button the driver can alter the throttle, gear change and suspension systems to suit the mood or the demands of the road.

There is a multi-function steering wheel with remote controls for, for example, audio, phone and cruise control, with other secondary switches neatly arranged on the centre console.

Seats are large and comfortable, with the rear bench clearly designed to suit two, rather than three, full-size adults on a regular basis.

It has a quality feel, with some classy materials, but if you want the full leather/alcantara option it will add £450 to the price – having electric adjustment to the test car's front seat also added £700.

In fact if money isn't an object, there is a whole range of additional technology and comfort features which will allow owners to personalise their A4.

The 3.0 Tdi A4 combines impressive saloon car performance with reasonable running costs.

But, as previously stated, it isn't about sports car acceleration: for years luxury saloons have had a surfeit of power beneath the bonnet in order to achieve desired levels of refinement.

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Taking challenge to see how economical electric cars are

Can you go out for a day in an electric car and spend less than a fiver? Alasdair Suttie puts BMW's i3 to the test.

Research suggests that 26 per cent of car buyers think electric cars are more expensive to run than conventional combustion-engined cars, but that may not actually be the case.

The study commissioned by Go Ultra Low revealed that the average annual maintenance costs for a petrol or diesel car are around £400 – as well as this essential work keeping the car off the road for two days.

Yet the average annual servicing costs for an electric car come in at a more modest £94. With fewer moving parts and also fewer consumables such as engine oil and spark plugs, electric cars spend less time off the road. A previous study by Go Ultra Low also revealed that electric cars cost a sixth as much to run – 2p per mile versus 12p – giving a saving of £750 based on 7,500 miles a year.

Then we were set an even more frugal challenge; was it possible to enjoy a trip out, travelling by electric car, and spend less than a fiver? That's how we found ourselves cruising down the M5 towards Bristol in BMW's eye-catching i3 electric car.

It's an intriguing prospect inside and out, looking like nothing else on the road and a project of the near future rather than now.

With a fully charged battery costing less than £2, the i3 promised a range in excess of 90 miles, more than enough for our 40-mile journey. It's also up to you how you drive; in full Eco Pro mode the i3 will encourage you to keep your speed down in order to extend the range, but there's nothing to stop you from hurrying along at 70mph or more. The truth is the experience is more pleasurable at lower speeds, as the silent powertrain does its thing.

The cabin is just as smart as the exterior, with a free-floating dashboard and big glazed area creating an airy cocoon, with the same gadgets you'd find in any other premium car; satnav, heated seats, climate control – all taken care of.

Thanks to its compact dimensions, parking was a cinch. Better still, charging points are popping up everywhere, with a number of stations dotted around the city and in major car parks allowing you to top up while you shop or enjoy some leisure time. We had enough charge remaining to go without.

We went for the latter, taking a short walk across the centre to Bristol's intriguing M Shed. It's a museum packed with artefacts from Bristol's fascinating history, fittingly based in the harbour on account of the city's links with maritime trade. The children were more excited about seeing the Wallace and Gromit exhibits of course. Best of all, entry is free. Our £3 parking stay was nearly up and it was time for the return leg.

Even with less battery than on the way out, the i3 encourages you to relax behind the wheel. You can cut and thrust with the best of them – the i3's acceleration is surprisingly strong – but that misses the point.

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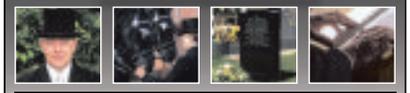

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Thanks to all who attended Clive's Funeral service also thank you for the generous donations in Clive's memory which totalled £1300.00.

Also special thanks to David Ryder for a wonderful celebration service of Clive's life, members of Hednesford branch of Staffordshire Regiment for attending, Scott and Emma for their wonderful tributes to their much loved and missed Grandad (Ogg), Funeral Directors AJ Sellman and Staff of Hednesford Town FC for hosting the wake.

deaths

BAKER

Malcolm

(Mac)

Sadly passed away on Friday, April 29, 2016, aged 72 years.

Beloved Husband of Eileen, devoted Dad to Debbie, Rick and the late Wayne.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

The Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 1pm, at St Mark's Church, Great Wyrley, followed by a Burial at Cheslyn Hay Cemetery.

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Fred

Passed away peacefully May 5, 2016, at Queens Hospital, Burton aged 73.

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Norma Joyce

Passed away, May 1, 2016, aged 88.

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The Family would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of Staff at Talbot House for the kindness and compassion they have shown to Norma and for being so supportive to all her Family.

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GRICE

Bruce

Of Heath Hayes.

Passed away peacefully at his home with Family at his side on Saturday, April 30, 2016, aged 71 years.

The devoted Husband of Julie and beloved Dad of Beverley also a loving Grandad of Alex.

A loving Brother, Cousin, Brother-in-law and Friend.

Service will be held at St Johns Church, Heath Hayes, on Tuesday, May 17, at 10.30am, followed by Interment in the Churchyard.

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Of Heath Hayes.

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Alan

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The Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 10am at St Mark's Church, Great Wyrley, followed by the Burial at Great Wyrley Cemetery.

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LEONE

Tito

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Margaret Ethel

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Funeral Service to be held at Stafford Crematorium, Friday, May 20, 2016, at 11am.

Family flowers only please.

Donations to be collected for the Conifers Nursing Home, Great Wyrley.

The Family would like to thank the Conifers Staff for the love and care they gave Dad over the last few months.

WALKEDEN

June Kathleen

Fell asleep, but remains in our hearts, May 9, 2016, aged 79 years.

She will be very sadly missed by all her loving Family and Friends.

Funeral Service to take place 3pm, on Friday, May 20, 2016 at Stafford Crematorium.

The Family have requested for all attending June's Funeral to be wearing bright sports tops/colourful tops.

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business directory

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public & legal notices

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Staffordshire WS13 6LQ T471123

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STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ACT 2004

The Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 (Amendment) No. 33/20xx

1. Staffordshire County Council propose to make a Traffic Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47, 49, 53, 124 (1)(d) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and the Traffic Management Act 2004 which will:
   (a) prevent you from parking your vehicle between the hours of 9am and 5pm on Monday to Saturday inclusive on:
   Anglesey Street, Hednesford (Cannock) (both sides) – from a point approximately 90 metres south west of the junction with B4154 Market Street in a south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 90 metres.
2. Exceptions will permit waiting for the purposes of taking up and setting down passengers; loading or unloading goods; for vehicles displaying a Disabled Person's Badge; and where necessary in connection with the maintenance of roads and the supply of gas, electricity, telephones, sewerage services and water and in the service of the Environment Agency; for emergency service vehicles; for vehicles being used for the provision of a universal postal service by a universal service provider; for buses waiting at an authorised bus stop; for vehicles being used for floods defence works or land drainage works; and for so long as is reasonably necessary in connection with any wedding or funeral.
3. This Order will amend the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009.
4. This Order will be called the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 (Amendment) No. 33/20xx.
5. This Order will amend the Plans marked BM 232 and BL 232 incorporating waiting restrictions on the road specified in Article No. 1 above and which form part of the Staffordshire County Council (Cannock Chase) (Civil Enforcement of Parking) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading and Parking Places) (Conversion) Order 2009 and in substitution thereof.
6. Full details of the proposal are in the draft Order which, together with a map showing the road involved and a statement of the County Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined during normal office hours at the office of the Director for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills; and during normal opening hours at Hednesford Library, Market Street, Hednesford, Cannock or via the internet at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders.
7. IF YOU WISH TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED ORDER YOU SHOULD SEND THE GROUNDS OF YOUR OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND SKILLS, HIGHWAYS, 2 STAFFORDSHIRE PLACE, TIPPING STREET, STAFFORD, ST16 2DH NOT LATER THAN 02 JUNE 2016 QUOTING REFERENCE HoCPS/TM/TR64/15.

John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance and Change
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Date: 12 May 2016

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personal

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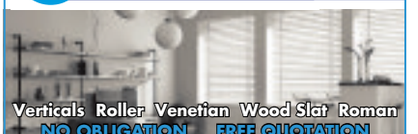

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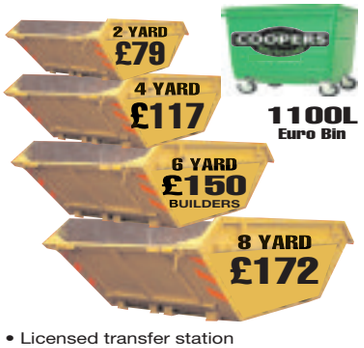

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Ole Olsen with the fans at Monmore Green

Champion – badge of honour for Ole Olsen

1981 speedway final, Tommy Knudsen (3rd) Bruce Penhall (1st) and Ole Olsen (2nd)

Wolves ace Ole Olsen ready for action

Ole Olsen talks to sports sub-editor Tim Hamblin

No dummy, Ole stood tall alongside Borg and Ali

HE may have a waxwork of himself in the loft, but Ole Olsen is no-one's idea of a dummy. 'The Great Dane' was Denmark's first speedway world champion.

His three wins in the seventies smashed open a door through which fellow countrymen Erik Gundersen, Hans Nielsen and Jan O Pedersen later poured through in a golden age of shale for that nation.

And Olsen's stature in the world of sport was underlined not only by his likeness being cast in the Danish Madame Tussaud's, but where it was placed.

"Madame Tussaud's made me in wax in 1975, I think, or '78," he said. "I was standing in Madame Tussaud's in Copenhagen together with Bjorn Borg and Muhammad Ali! They were great sportsmen, so it was good.

Trickster

"They gave it to me five or six years later. I've got it up in the loft. As a joke one day, when I was away, my sons stuck it in our bed and my wife (Ulla) came in! That was Jacob, who rode for Coventry (and Wolves). He was a bit of a trickster!"

Olsen's deeds on track are legendary. On top of his three world crowns the former Wolves star was national champion a dozen times, helped Denmark to three world team crowns, won the prestigious Pardubice Golden Helmet on no fewer than seven occasions – oh, and knocked off the Australian championship on a trip down under. The fact that Olsen, as a non-Australian, was not eligible was disregarded for a far more important factor – his drawing power. But the 69-year-old's influence in the sport is far wider.

He built the celebrated Vojens circuit in his homeland, prepared tracks worldwide and helped launch and run the Grand Prix series that superseded the old one-off world championship finals – his other son Torben is now managing director of its promoters BSI Speedway.

Olsen retired as a rider more than 30 years ago, yet his "An Evening With..." appearance at the Cleveland Arms in Wolverhampton was an immediate sell-out.

It all seems a world away from his first appearance on these shores, as a promising youngster taken under the wing of all-time great Ivan Mauger at Newcastle. But one thing Olsen has never lacked is focus.

"Sports psychology was coming in in the seventies and when I won the world championship in 1971 the Swedes were doing a lot of it," he said.

"So I got a bit interested, studied it. My goal gave me the drive. A lot of people, they see the goal. When they start losing it, it's because they've taken their eyes off the goal."

But Olsen retained that focus, even to the extent of leaving Wolves when at the height of his powers.

His six-year stint at Monmore Green in the era of promoter Mike Parker featured two world championships, but at the end of 1975 Olsen held out for a move to Coventry even though the rider control system of the time allocated him to Hull.

"It was not because I wanted to leave Wolves, but in those days a lot of the world finals were run on bigger tracks," he said.

"We ran in Poland, we ran in Sweden, and Wembley also. Most of those tracks were about 400m, the Polish and Swedish ones. I wanted to go to a little bit bigger track.

"Wolverhampton was small, all the technique, I liked that. But I just had to get a change."

In addition Olsen, while looking back fondly at his Monmore days, was clearly captivated by the way things were run up the road at Brandon under the polished promotion of Charles Ochiltree.

"He was a fantastic promoter and I wanted to go there," he admitted. "Things were well organised and I learned a lot on the promoting side and things like that for when I built my own track in Denmark."

Olsen spent eight years at Brandon, during which he landed his third world title in 1978, before retiring in 1983. Perhaps inevitably he won his very last world final race, a run-off for third spot in the prestigious Brandonapolis individual event at Coventry, and self-effacingly apologised to overall winner Kenny Carter for standing on the rostrum's top spot to deliver his retirement speech.

Throttle

Success for Olsen did not end there. It even extended to twinkling the toes rather than blipping the throttle with a stint on the Danish version of Strictly Come Dancing – at the age of 60.

"I wanted to try things," he added. "It took me a bit of time to accept it (Strictly), but after two years I did because they kept pressing me.

"My sister went to dancing school and I hated that stuff! But I thought 'I'll do it when I'm 60.'

"I was 30 years older than the next youngest one. I have a different respect for those dancers and the work they put into it," he said.

"I practised four or five hours a day and lost a lot of weight, so it was good. I went fourth, so that was very good!"

No dummy. But a great mover.

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Heavy storms put an end to victory hopes

Cannock 1sts (263- 7) drew with Aldridge (85-8)

DESPITE looking set for victory, Cannock had to settle for a winning draw and 17 points as the game was cut short by heavy thunderstorms.

Batting first Cannock scored 263-7 with Brian Barnard scoring 96, Will Fleet 50 and Matt Cotteral 48. With the ball Connor Shingler starred taking 4-18 including wickets with the last two balls of the game just as the rain started.

Aldridge 2nds (220-7) drew with Cannock 2nds (125-2)

Cannock travelled to Aldridge and also claimed a winning draw.

After being put in, Aldridge's innings progressed steadily before some late big hitting took the score to 220-7. In reply Cannock reached drinks for the loss of Andy Lefeaver (63) and Dan Wood (42) but soon after play was halted for bad light. Rain followed and with Cannock ahead on run rate the game ended in a winning draw for the visitors.

Cannock 3rds (163-7) drew with Whitmoreans 2nds (82-7)

With the thunderstorms also reaching Wolverhampton, Cannock 3rds made it a trio of winning draws.

● Saturday saw Penkridge first team travel to Shifnal and come away on the wrong end of a heavy defeat. Shifnal made 265-7 off their 50 overs. In reply, the Pillaton side were dismissed for 134.

The 2nds fared better with a crushing 10-wicket home win against Wellington.

The 3rd team travelled to Wightwick and Finchfield 1st team, and the home side ended up 189 all out. Penkridge were on 61-5 when a thunderstorm finished the game. A youthful 4th team played Brewood, and bowled them out for 200. Penkridge won the game with 10 overs to spare. On Sunday the 1st team lost to Shifnal in the National Knockout.

McDonald ready to face challenge of rebuilding Pitmen

HEDNESFORD Town's new manager Liam McDonald is excited to take his position at Keys Park but admits rebuilding work must be undertaken.

The former Redditch United boss is the fourth in the top role at Keys Park in less than 12 months as the Pitmen suffered relegation from the National League North this season.

McDonald, aged 31, takes on his second role as manager after three years at Southern Premier Division outfit Redditch, who he guided from facing relegation to within a minute of the play-off final. I'm excited about the future," he said.

"Having spoken with the club at length, it is a challenge that I am up for. Hednesford Town are a massive club and I know they had difficulties last season. I know that they have the support base here though and I want them to get behind me and the team. The chairman, Steve Price, is realistic as to where the club is at – that has impressed me. I know that it is a rebuilding job."

Nick Green joins from Redditch as McDonald's assistant.

Youngsters can roll up for free tuition

Austin Wise-Hughes, aged seven and brother Jenson, nine

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"Qualified coach Tony Partridge has been brought in to teach the rules of the sport and the skills needed to be successful.

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WIN SECURES FA CUP PLACE

Wolves Sporting Community 1
Cradley Town 0

GREAT Wyrley-based Wolves Sporting secured a place in the FA Cup thanks to this win over high-flying Cradley.

Following an 8-0 thrashing of Bilston Town just days before, Sporting started well and could have been in front within a minute after a super strike from Ethan Delaney from 15 yards forced a great save from Cradley goalkeeper Paul Edwards.

The remaining half was a bit of a stalemate as Sporting tried to open up a stubborn Cradley who tried to slow down the clock and frustrate the home side and the half ended goalless.

Whatever was said at half-time seemed to have the desired effect as Sporting came out more determined and they got the opening goal on 55 minutes after sustained pressure.

A ball was played into the league's top scorer Dan Westwood on the halfway line and showing great strength holding off his marker he turned and played in the overlapping pacey Jon Letford and he left his marker standing before coolly slotting past Edwards to give Sporting their 130th league goal this season.

Memorable

Suddenly the game opened up as Cradley had to throw men forward but with a stubborn defence excellently marshalled by the superb Mitch Clarke, Sporting were never really troubled and with good chances spurned by Westwood and Delaney it was a nervous wait for the final whistle but the home side held on for the three points that put them third in the league and automatic FA Cup qualification – an amazing achievement considering the club had been sitting bottom of the league just over a year ago.

With two cup quarter-finals to play, this could be a memorable season.

● Wolverhampton Sporting Community is looking for a new under-21s manager. The team play at Hazel Lane, Great Wyrley, in the Staffordshire County Senior League on Saturday afternoons.

As the club continues to grow, players are also being sought for teams from under-8s to under-18s. Anyone interested is asked to email wolvessporting@yahoo.co.uk

Brothers saddle up for success

Ben Askey won the yellow jersey

Lewis came home with the green jersey

CYCLING brothers headed over choppy waters for success in the saddle. Ben and Lewis Askey, of Wimblebury, took part in the British Cycling National Circuit series Isle of Man Youth Tour, competing against the UK's best riders.

Younger sibling Ben claimed the yellow jersey at the end of his three stages, with Lewis settling for the green jersey for most points.

Day one started on the windy front of Douglas promenade with a short 1.49km prologue time trial. In strong crosswinds, Ben Askey, in the under-12 category, finished second to put him on the grid for the second day, the hilly circuit of Ellerslie. After an uphill finish, Ben pipped Josh Tarling from West Wales cycling team. The sea front of Ramsey set the scene for the final stage, with Ben taking the general classification title by five seconds over Tarling.

Lewis, 14, a GB apprentice rider, was competing in the u-16 age group category. With only seconds splitting the riders, he controlled the second stage to gain nine points over his next rival in the classification.

After the final sprint finish, Lewis held the green jersey and was able to move up the leader board on the general classification.

On the 14 lap 33.6km third stage, he put in a solid performance to claim the majority of points, finishing 15 ahead of Theo Modell of Team Corley Cycles, holding the green jersey.

Draw proves enough to clinch title

Shenstone Pathfinder 3 Penkridge 3
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PENKRIDGE clinched the title with a hard fought point away at title rivals Shenstone Pathfinder.

With the SCSL decision to award Penkridge the points rather than play the postponed game against Eastfields, Penkridge knew, going into this game, that a single point would be enough against the only team that could still catch them.

Top scorer Jack Lees returned for Penkridge with fellow striker Frankie Wynn missing out, while player/coach Steve Thompson replaced Tom Pickford on the bench. But in dramatic scenes during the warm-up, defender Alex Beckett was taken unwell and was replaced in the starting 11 by skipper Alex Dodd. This saw a re-jig for Penkridge, with influential midfielder Rob Haynes taking Becket's place in the back four.

Shenstone swung in a corner three minutes into the game and while Penkridge players appealed for a foul, Shenstone carried on and Jamie Nicholls rifled the ball into the back of the net.

Penkridge slowly but surely got a foothold in the game and on 12 minutes found themselves level through Alex Dodd. Then on the stroke of half-time Penkridge got themselves ahead when Hodnett raced away and rolled the ball past the advancing keeper.

The second half started in a similar fashion as the first, and the home side got themselves level on 54 minutes.

Shenstone suffered a blow when Atkinson was shown a straight red card for an elbow on Forsyth and then Penkridge got themselves back in front on 80 minutes when Andy Taylor's shot was too hot to handle for the keeper.

Shenstone hit back again in stoppage time to set up a nervy last two minutes and it was Nicholls who again scored from another high ball in the box.

City pull out of final as venue is switched

LICHFIELD City have pulled out of this year's Walsall Senior Cup final with Rushall Olympic, leaving the competition hanging by a thread. The final was due to be played on Monday evening.

Historically the final is held at Walsall's Banks's Stadium but due to the League One side's involvement in the play-offs, the Saddlers have cancelled all other end-of-season activity there.

The game was instead switched to Chasetown's ground but the move has prompted Lichfield to pull out.

The Staffordshire FA are to hold a meeting to decide the outcome of the competition.

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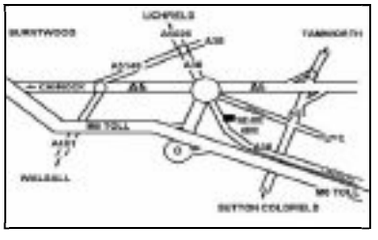

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SOLID WOOD DINING TABLE PLUS 4 UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS
MRP £1349
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GARDEN TABLE WITH SHELF PLUS 4 CHAIRS. WROUGHT IRON, ORNATE DESIGN
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Seeing is Believing at Blackbrook

One of Britain's most unique Home and Garden retailers is just down the road

You may not realise it, but one of the country's most extraordinary shops is just down the road. But then Blackbrook interiors isn't just a shop, the word doesn't do justice to it at all. Better to call it an emporium; a fabulous building, full of fabulous things for your home and garden.

Situated on the main A38 near Weeford is Blackbrook Hall and in the house and grounds lies the antidote to the dull , 'same old, same old ' shops that occupy our high streets and retail parks. If you yearn for something different, something you won't see elsewhere, something inspirational for your home, then Blackbrook is certainly the place for you.

Blackbrook's fabulous collection of home furniture, antiques, homewares, furnishings and decorative accessories – not forgetting the extraordinary range garden architectural and decorative items – is fast becoming the must visit place for home and garden lovers

Amazing Range

The range, style and quality of items at Blackbrook is almost impossible to describe, certainly you can find almost anything you need to furnish any room in your house and there's a massive range of garden architectural and decorative items. There is a broad range of pieces that capture many different period styles from Georgian to contemporary, but you'll also find fabulously quirky pieces on display like aluminium desks fashioned like aircraft wings, lamps that look like Italian scooters, a full size racehorse statue. In every room and around every corner is something to surprise and delight you.

As well as one off items, Blackbrook is full of practical solutions for furnishing your home and garden as well as a terrific range of decorative pieces and finishing touches. You'll find furniture, furnishings and decorative accessories at Blackbrook that you simply won't find anywhere else. You really have to see it to believe it.

A Family Business

The amazing Blackbrook experience hasn't happened by chance. The store is the culmination of Mike and Sue Rowan's 40 year passion for hunting out antiques and furniture. Starting in 1973, Mike and Sue built the company by buying and selling to the trade and then expanded to become experts in seeking out and sourcing the best quality reproduction pieces all around the world. Blackbrook opened to the public in 2010 as the Flagship showroom, offering their amazing range directly to the public, As each year goes by, the word is spreading that this place really is something special.

Even with all the success the business has enjoyed over the years, Blackbrook remains very much a family business with Mike and Sue's son, Ben, joining the business in the 1990's. There are now three generations of the family at Blackbrook with over 60 years of experience between them, and the family are very much 'front of house' happy to share their knowledge with Blackbrook's customers.

Of course the constant need to find new and exciting products takes the team all around the world. You're almost as likely to find Mike or Ben in India, Vietnam, Thailand or South America as in Staffordshire. But it's reassuring that a great many items are sourced from craft based suppliers right here in the UK. The commitment to hand-picking the best quality, and the most interesting products is why Blackbrook is such an inspiring and interesting place to visit.

Something for Everyone

Inspite of its stately setting, Blackbrook is not exclusively for wealthy interior design types. The Rowan family are absolutely commited to finding real value in every product, so you'll find home and garden items that will suit very budget, whether it's a leather chair, a beautiful lamp, a coffee table, a picture or even a pot of paint. And the Garden isn't left out, with a stunning choice of statuary, birdbaths, fountains, water features, pots, planters and troughs. The amazing amount of space at Blackbrook also allows them to display many larger items including gazebos, large statues even oak framed garages. As you might expect Blackbrook can organise expert delivery and fitting to ensure you get complete service.

And if all this browsing and buying makes you hungry and thirsty you can recharge the batteries at the Coffee Shop on site run by mother and daughter team Kim and Cherry. The delightful riverside setting is the perfect place for a cup of tea or coffee , a delicious sandwich or a slice of homemade cake.

This weekend is the best possible time to make you first trip to Blackbrook. To make room all the new purchases that Mike and Ben have sourced, they are having a massive Stock Clearance Event with genuine reductions of up to 70% across the entire range. Once you've experienced the inspiration and excitement of a trip to Blackbrook, you'll want to come back again and again.

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NOW £995

BLACKAMORES
PAIR SCULPTURES HAND PAINTED 8FT TALL APPROX.
WAS £2495
NOW £745

ALASKA
2 DOOR SIDEBOARD HAND CARVED TRADITIONAL STYLE
WAS £995
NOW £295

STONE
GARDEN CHAIR DECORATED WITH CLASSIC DESIGN
WAS £1995
NOW £595

CARERRA
FIRE SURROUND ORIGINAL EDWARDIAN ANTIQUE MARBLE HAND CARVED
WAS £2295
NOW £689

TOKARA
2 SEAT SOFA WITH MANUAL RECLINE ACTIONS IN HIGH GRADE GEMSBOK LEATHER
WAS £1895
NOW £569

VICTORIAN
4 DRAWER CHEST WITH DEEP DRAWERS. MADE FROM PAINTED PINE.
WAS £625
NOW £189

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5 BRANCH CHANDELIER MADE FROM HEAVY BRASS. WITH SHADES. FULL WORKING ORDER.
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ROCOCO STYLE
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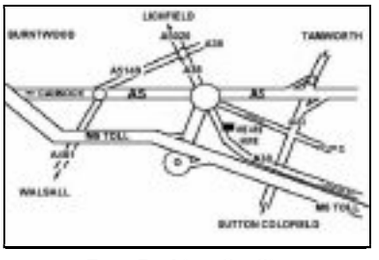

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